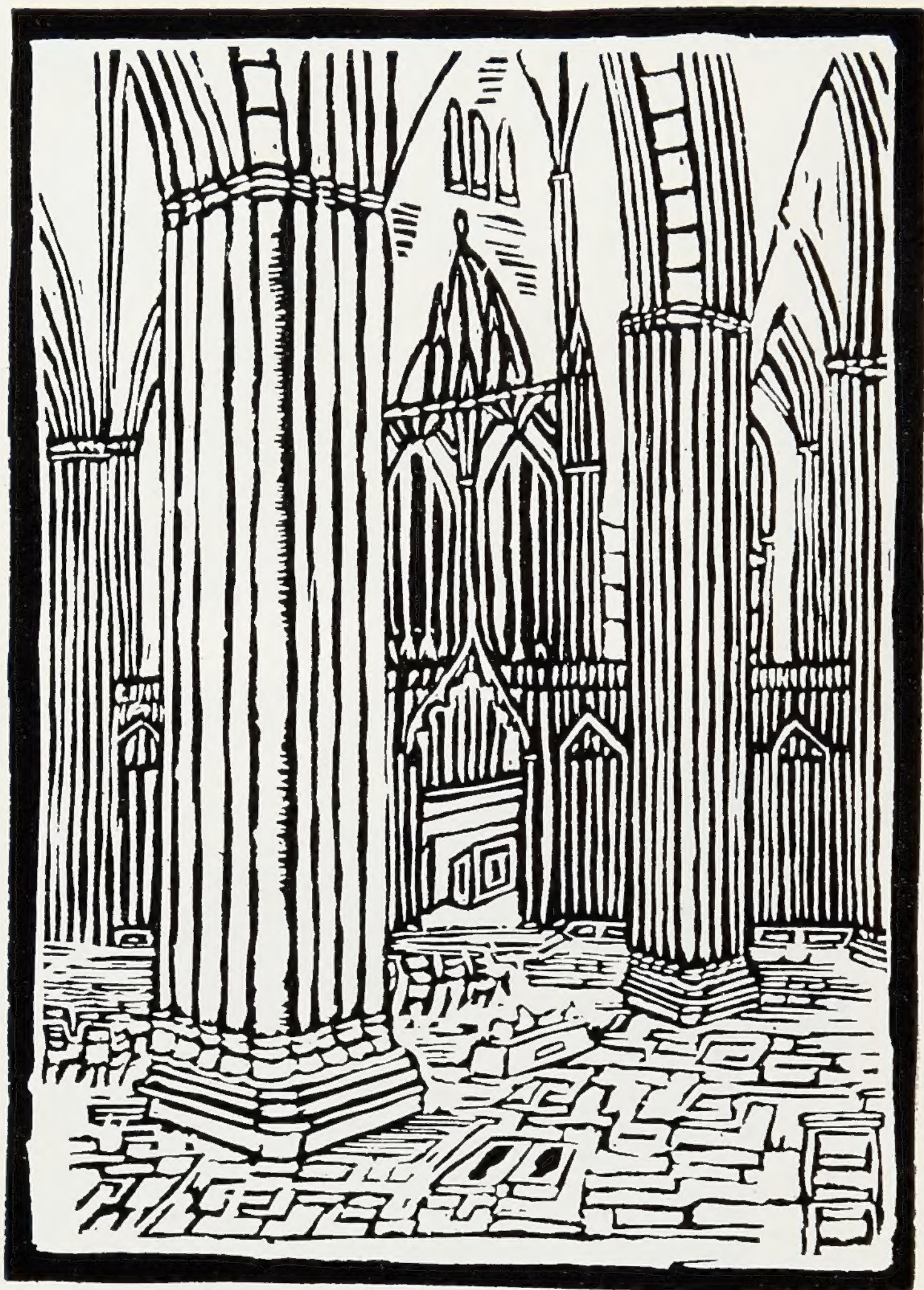




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Editorial

Every school is justly proud of its academic and sporting achievements; and it is naturally very pleasing to record in this edition of "THE SKYLARK" that, for instance, in addition to the thirteen State Scholarships gained last summer, five members of the School have now been granted University Awards at Oxford or Cambridge; or, on the other hand, that the Cross-Country runners and the Boxing Club have again had highly successful seasons.

There are, however, many other fields of activity in which a school may show prominence, but which tend to be relegated to second or third place in its Magazine. The present Editors therefore wish to draw the readers' attention to the attainments of the School in a somewhat unusual respect, namely group-holidays abroad.

Parties from this School have in recent years undertaken many and varied holidays of this kind: we have ventured south-east to Yugoslavia; we have camped in Spain; we have made exchange trips to France; we ski regularly in Switzerland; we have rowed, and acted, in Germany. Indeed, it is now scarcely possible to recollect a school holiday during which no such enterprise has taken place.

What, apart from the pleasure, may be derived from these adventures? It is very easy to come out with platitudinous phrases about "acquiring a European outlook" and "travel broadening the mind," as though a visit to a foreign country were an automatic passport to maturity. But, in fact, whether such visits are of any real benefit or not depends almost entirely on the individuals concerned: if we are prepared to try to understand the modes of life and thought—and speech—of the people to whose countries we travel, we may be doing some good both to ourselves and to the society of the future. But if we are content merely to make jokes and take snapshots, the value of our journey would seem to be most limited and even ephemeral.

To nearly all of us who have been abroad under the auspices of the School it has fallen quite naturally to combine the lighter side of holidaying with, we hope, a genuine interest in our surroundings. We are most grateful to the parents, School Governors, and members of Staff who make contributions, financial and otherwise, without which these holiday ventures could not take place: it is up to us to make the best possible use of the opportunities thus provided.

De Omnibus Rebus

Congratulations to the following: J. D. Fox, on being awarded an Open Laming Scholarship in Modern Languages to The Queen's College, Oxford; N. D. Dombey, on being awarded an Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Science to Magdalen College, Oxford; S. P. R. Rose, on being awarded a Minor Scholarship in Mathematics and Science to King's College, Cambridge; D. W. Curtis, on being awarded an Open Exhibition in Modern Languages at Magdalene College, Cambridge; L. Brittan, on being awarded an Open Exhibition in English at Trinity College, Cambridge; and B. W. Nash, on being awarded a Drapers' Company's Queen Mary College Science Scholarship of the value of £75 a year.

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Mr. J. W. Dudderidge, upon the retirement of Mr. D. W. Small mentioned in our last issue, has now become House Master of Calverts; and Mr. J. Browning, Senior German Master.

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A section of the School Choir, together with the School Captain and two of the Prefects, attended the annual Publication Ceremony of the new Master and Wardens of the Haberdashers' Company in the Vintners' Hall on November 29th.

A cheque for £80 was handed over at the end of the Christmas term to the Haberdashers' Company on behalf of the Main and Preparatory Schools, to pay for the stained-glass memorial window that is being installed, in the name of the School, in the new Haberdashers' Hall.

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The School Carol Service was held as usual in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields on December 15th.

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During November, 1955, a small party of Soviet teachers visited England at the invitation of the Educational Interchange Council. For the two days they spent in London, they were entertained by four members of the Staff, Messrs. Dudderidge, Keevil, McMinn, and White, who in return attended a reception at the Soviet Embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens.

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The Headmaster was one member of a delegation sent during the Autumn Term by the "Joint Four" Teachers' and Head Teachers' Associations to study education in the Eastern Zone of Germany. On his return he brought back much startling information and many interesting exhibits.

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We are glad to hear that Mr. D. W. Small, in spite of his retirement on account of ill health, hopes to spend a certain amount of time still in part time teaching with us. We all hope that his health will improve sufficiently for this to be possible for many years to come.

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In January we welcomed our new Chaplain, the Reverend J. W. H. Redfearn, M.A., who has come to us from Berkhamsted. Besides Religious Instruction, he will also teach some History. He has our very best wishes for every happiness and success while he is with us.

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Congratulations to P. B. Wright (VI Science), whose playing of the euphonium has made him well known in the School. He has been selected to play in the National Youth Orchestra.

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Friends and ex-pupils of Mr. D. I. Breese, who was for some years on the Science Staff here, will be interested to know that he has been appointed Head Master of the new Temple Moor Grammar School, Leeds.

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Mr. D. Phillips, B.A., of Christ Church, Oxford, has spent a term here, teaching History, English and French, as part of his course for the Diploma in Education. We are glad to hear that he has already been appointed as History Master at St. Nicholas Grammar School, Northwood.

On the "Ides of March," at a two thousandth anniversary reunion, members of the Dramatic Society heard that the Governors, in recognition of the recent successful visit of the School Play, "Julius Caesar," to Germany, have made a special grant of fifty guineas to the Society. The sum is to be used for the purchase of new curtains for the School Stage, recordings, books, and electrical equipment.

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Congratulations to J. D. Fox, who, in the annual National Prize Competition organized by the Hispanic Council, was awarded Second Prize.

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A letter has been received from G. D. Pope, who is spending a year in America. After a camping holiday in the Rockies, he settled down to work at the Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, where his curriculum includes the study of English, Debate, American History, and Modern Problems. He has also become proficient at American Football, and was "awarded a full letter."

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The wedding of Mr. R. L. F. Sexton and Miss J. Pellow took place at St. John's Parish Church, Stanmore on 31st March. We wish them all happiness.

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We learn that Mr. Cooper, with the help of Mr. L. H. Guidon, will be taking a party of about thirty-six boys during the Summer holiday to Spain; their holiday will be centred upon Blanes, on the picturesque part of the Mediterranean coast known as the Costa Brava.

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B. R. Lincoln has been appointed Editor of "The Skylark" for the remainder of this year; M. J. Hitchcock and M. D. Kustow have been appointed to the Editorial Board.

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Material for the next issue of "The Skylark" should be in the hands of the Editors by 23rd July.

Coming Events

May 29th—School Concert, 7 p.m.

June 1st —C.C.F. Annual Inspection.

June 5th —Royal School of Church Music Festival, St. Albans.

June 28th—Opening of new Haberdashers' Hall by the Lord Mayor of London.

July 6th —School Swimming Gala.

July 27th —Commendation Day.

Easter in Paris

As they staggered on to the platform at Waterloo Station on a Sunday morning, nineteen dishevelled schoolboys and two dishevelled schoolmasters sadly said Goodbye to what must certainly have been one of the most successful and enjoyable school holidays ever experienced. Easter in Paris must be the dream of all between eight and eighty: and, for us, this dream was realised—with a week at Tours thrown in for good measure.

On the 24th March, a warm sunny evening—weather that was to typify our entire stay—we pulled into Gare St. Lazare, Paris, after an excellent journey from London. Here we were met by our French counterparts, and were soon comfortably installed in the Lycée Chaptal, in the north-west of the French capital. A most hectic week of intense activity was ahead of us: visits to Montmartre, Sacré Coeur, Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, Les Invalides, Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Latin Quarter and Sorbonne followed in rapid succession; no stone was left unturned as we explored all the famous landmarks of Paris, which until then had been only names to us.

The panoramic view from the top of the Eiffel Tower, over 900 feet up, surpassed our greatest expectations, and the sight of the Seine stretching miles and miles (or should I say kilometres?) into the distance completed this unique spectacle. A somewhat disturbing feature of this particular trip occurred when the “up” lift, about 500 feet above the ground, suddenly began to descend at a considerable speed. However, as we were preparing to join Napoleon, the lift came to a halt, and we breathed once more.

Another highlight of our stay in Paris was an evening stroll along the fabulous Champs Elysées, where the tiredness of our legs was soon forgotten. A further evening was devoted to a visit to the Comédie Française, where we witnessed a fine performance of Molière’s “Tartuffe” in this beautiful little theatre.

The climax to this half of our French holiday was a day-long trip to Versailles, ancient home of French Kings. It is impossible to give an adequate description of the magnificence of this great palace, and let it suffice to say that it certainly left a lasting impression on us all.

Strange though it may seem, we were not without a certain amount of free time in Paris. Much use was made of the Metro, where one can travel from one end of Paris to the other for 7d. (London Transport please note). It can also safely be said that a large number of the numerous “bistros” did some excellent trade during those few days, and I fear that little heed was taken of M. Mendès-France’s plea for moderation!

All too soon, we had to say farewell to Paris, and start on the second leg of our trip—hoping, at the same time, to recover from the exhausting week in the capital. The scene of our recuperation was

an imposing mansion (now a school) on the banks of the Loire, about two miles from the town of Tours.

Recuperation, did I say? Nothing could be further from the truth; it was certainly a case of "No peace for the wicked," for a most ambitious programme had been prepared for us, and every day was crammed with interest. Here, a word about the organisation: this was faultless; every single enterprise ran smoothly, luxury coaches were ever at hand, and always there was the magic piece of paper, giving us admittance into any building we visited. Much gratitude is owed to the French authorities for this splendid management.

At Tours, we were in the heart of the Château country, and excursions were made to several of the huge, finely-preserved castles in the region. A visit to Tours Cathedral was followed by a most popular exploration of a wine cavern—needless to say, nobody left without sampling the most delectable wine. The climax of our week in Tours was a reception at the Town Hall, where, after being welcomed by the civic dignitaries, we drank the traditional toast.

A certain amount of time was spent in the school itself. Several lectures were given, chiefly on "La Touraine," and a number of films were shown in the evenings. Sport included Soccer, Basketball, Table-Tennis, and the Putney High School for Girls, which, to the delight of certain of our members, also had a contingent in France, with a programme identical to ours.

Three "international" football matches were held, in which, after two hard-fought 1—1 draws, England finally beat France 3—1, although we gained the impression that the Frenchmen were not wholly appreciative of the efforts of the English referee! Let it here be whispered that Mr. Barling, who, we believe, is a strong advocate of the game played with the oval ball, performed energetically and most successfully at centre-forward, and scored two goals in the final match.

On our last night, a lively concert, for which we had been rehearsing feverishly, took place, and this was followed by a short dance; and as we all sang "Auld Lang Syne," we realised that the next day would see our journey homeward, after two exciting and happy weeks across the Channel.

In conclusion, let us thank gratefully all the organisers and authorities, who made this trip possible and so enjoyable; the cooks, for the excellent food served at all meals; the Clerk of the Weather, for the many glorious days he bestowed upon us. And last, but by no means least, let us pay tribute to the sterling work and fatherly, yet most effective guidance of Mr. Barling and Mr. McMinn. We must have been quite an ordeal for them at times, but they endured us cheerfully and unflinchingly, and contributed in no small way to make this holiday the undeniable success it was.

A. C. S.

First Aerial Impressions

Man-made vertebrate, engines roaring,
Taxi-ing, rising, climbing, soaring;
There was London—here is France—
From the porthole, eyes askance,
See Spain.

“There’s Lyons to leeward,”—
Kind, obliging airplane steward.
But across my seat I lie
Not interested,—and why?
Air-sick.

G.J.B.B.

School Donations, 1955

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80	0	0	Haberdashers' Hall Stained Glass Window
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20	0	0	British Red Cross Society
20	0	0	Dr. Schweitzer's Hospital Fund
20	0	0	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
20	0	0	Dr. Barnardo's Homes
20	0	0	Royal Marsden Hospital (formerly Royal Cancer Hospital)
20	0	0	National Spastics Association
20	0	0	Infantile Paralysis Fellowship
20	0	0	United Nations Children's Association (UNICEF)
15	0	0	National Society for Cancer Relief
15	0	0	National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis
10	0	0	Willesden Appeal for Famine Relief
10	0	0	St. Paul's Restoration Fund
10	0	0	St. Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill
10	0	0	Royal Free Hospital
10	0	0	Friends of the Children of Great Ormond Street
10	0	0	Royal London Society for the Blind
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10	0	0	Church of England Children's Society
10	0	0	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
10	0	0	The Jewish Board of Guardians
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10	0	0	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
10	0	0	National Children's Homes
10	0	0	Inter Church Aid Society
10	0	0	National Playing Fields Association
10	0	0	National Playgrounds Association
10	0	0	National Association of Parents of Backward Children
10	0	0	Mission to Lepers
9	8	3	British Legion Haig's Fund (Poppies)
5	0	0	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
5	0	0	Evening News Toys for Children Fund
5	0	0	Hendon Old People's Christmas Fund
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5	0	0	National Fund for Poliomyelitis Research
5	0	0	Stepney Christmas Appeal
5	0	0	Archbishop's Fund for Restoration of Churches
5	0	0	Bishop of London's Fund for Restoration of Churches
5	0	0	Norwich Cathedral Restoration Fund
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British Schools Exploring Society

NEWFOUNDLAND, 1955

On July 27th last year, fifty-five boys including myself, from Public and Grammar Schools all over the United Kingdom, with seven Army Officers, should have left for Newfoundland with the British Schools Exploring Society. Owing to delays of transport, we did not leave until August 1st, the intermediate time being spent under canvas at Langley Airport near Slough.

We flew from London Airport to Gander in Central Newfoundland, and proceeded from there by Canadian National Railways to Goobies in South-East Newfoundland. Arriving there at 6 a.m., we were taken in trucks to the end of Long Pond,—" Pond " means " Lake " in Newfoundland—where our Base Camp was to be situated. On these trucks we travelled on the only road in South Newfoundland, its surface comparable with the worst we have in England. At Long Pond, our kit was taken to our Base Camp at the other end of the lake in boats lent us by near-by inhabitants. Thanks to some Canadian Scouts, the tents had been pitched, and the Union Jack and B.S.E.S. flag were flying already on our arrival.

Our first main job was to make Base Camp as comfortable as possible, for this was to be our centre for the next seven weeks. Shelters were erected by the various groups, or " fires ". There were " 5 fires ", made up according to the interests of the members—i.e. Signals, Survey, Geology, and the Natural Histories. After 3 days, during which the 8 tons of stores brought with us were unloaded, the first march set out.

The expedition was to map as large as possible an area of the uncharted and uninhabited country around the Base Camp. A schedule had been arranged with the Signals Station at Catterick, and throughout the Expedition over twelve countries, including Scandinavian ones, were contacted by our Signals Officer. In the meantime portable equipment was being tested under difficult conditions. Botanical and Zoological specimens were collected, to be taken back to the British Museum. Many marches, varying in length from 3 to 12 days, were made, each boy carrying anything from 30–60 lbs, according to the length of the march. The rations we lived on were roughly the same as those used by Scott on his Antarctic Expedition. Each man received per day as his main ration:—12 Spratts biscuits, 2 oz. pemmican, 1 oz. sultanas, 4 oz. cheese, 2 oz. butter, 1 bar chocolate, 2 oz. sugar, and small amounts of dried peas, beans, carrots and oatmeal, giving each man 30 oz. dried weight each day. For one day in seven, " luxury rations " were issued, consisting of dried milk, suet, prunes, figs, dried egg and Oxo cubes. Rations were often supplemented by fish which we had caught.

The type of country traversed during the marches differed immensely. To the north of Base Camp was a large watershed

stretching for 10 to 15 miles, and in this area the going was very hard. To the South and East were hills and mountains which led down to the sea, and in places there were dense forests which forced us to cut our speed down to less than a mile an hour. It was quite a common thing to find oneself up to the waist and above in water, and one's kit often got soaked.

The weather was excellent, except for the first week and the last twenty-four hours. I shall never forget getting up at 4 a.m. in torrential rain, having to pack personal kit, and load the boats, for the return journey to the road.

But the wet clothes and mosquitoes were often all, like the hard going, simply part of the adventure; and everyone on the trip agreed that the friends we had found, and the experience we had gained, made this Expedition a holiday of the most memorable and exciting kind.

C. A. H.

Careers

So many boys seem to have little idea of the range of occupations suitable for boys leaving a school of this sort that the following list of such occupations may prove useful. Almost all of these occupations involve further education, either at the University, Technical College, or "on the job." I shall be pleased to supply further details.

J. McN.

Accountancy
Agriculture
Art
Banking
Broking
Chemistry
Civil Service

Dental Mechanic
Economics
Forestry
Hotel management
Journalism
Linguists

Merchant Marine
Museum curator
Nursing
Personnel management
Physical training
Printing

Publishing

Actuary
Archaeology
Aviation
Biology
Building
Chiropody
Commerce

Dentist
Engineering
Geology
Industry
Law
Local Government

Meteorology
Music
Optical work
Pharmacy
Physics
Probation Officer

Quantity Surveying

Advertising
Army
Baking
Bookselling
Catering
Churches
Commercial
Traveller

Draughtsmanship
Estate Agency
History
Insurance
Librarianship
Medicine and
Surgery

Mission Work
Navy
Patent agency
Photography
Police
Public Health
Service

Radiography

Retail selling	Scientific research	Secretaryship
Selling and sales management	Stockbroking	Social services
Statistics	Surveying	Teaching
Telegraphy	Theatre, cinema, B.B.C.	Transport
Veterinary surgery		Welfare work

“Julius Caesar”

School dramatic societies often produce Shakespeare, simply because the verse, if clearly spoken, and the “magnificent” costumes are sufficient to make the play a success. By presenting “Julius Caesar” in modern dress, the School Dramatic Society resisted this temptation, and tried to bring over the genuine dramatic values of the play. Although “Julius Caesar” is eminently suitable for this treatment, it was a risky undertaking. The attempt was, however, for the most part successful, largely because the producer, Mr. Moody, did not just attempt the usual type of School Shakespearean production with the slight variation of modern dress. Instead, he brought all other aspects of the production into line with the costume, showing the relevance of the play for our present society in every possible way. Thus, innovations were made in the use of the stage; for example, characters came on to the stage from the auditorium. The grouping of the characters was also often bold and effective (although at times a little too artificial). Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the production was the swift movement of the scenes, which helped to convey to the audience the inevitability of the development of the plot. Even the rather confusing battle scenes were skilfully managed, although they were the weakest part of the performance (as in every production of this play). Mr. Moody is to be congratulated on the many original ideas in the production and the general success of the play. His greatest triumph was that he was able to create a certain unity of tone that held this rather diffuse play together.

Even the best of producers cannot “carry” a play by himself; but in this case Mr. Moody was ably supported by the cast, most of whom were taking part in a School Play for the first time. In spite of this, many of the actors gave very competent performances. P. M. Oppenheimer’s Cassius was particularly effective. He showed a real understanding of the verse, which he successfully brought over to the audience. At the same time he avoided the danger of monotony by cleverly varying his tone. Even when he was not himself speaking, he continued to act. (This was something that several of the other actors often forgot to do). All in all, he was most successful in his portrayal of the part. I. D. Scofield as Brutus had the natural advantage of possessing a very pleasant, clear voice. This enabled him to convey Brutus’s open honesty

very well, but was not quite adequate for the expression of his inner conflicts, which tended to be over-simplified; hence the performance was too much on one note. Scofield also failed to avoid rigidity of facial expression. His performance did, however, improve considerably during the course of the play; and it is only fair to add that it was quite clear that with a little more experience he will be one of the most capable actors in the Society. M. D. Kustow's Antony was a very intelligent piece of acting, which had obviously been given careful thought. It was only a pity that Kustow's voice was unsuitable for the part; it was, perhaps, not sufficiently resonant. Because of this the "great" speeches were not so effective as they might have been. Julius Caesar was played by J. D. Andrews with great dignity and all the necessary imperiousness. The performance was, however, a little strained; we never saw the tremendous self-confidence that Caesar should have. Among the minor parts P. J. Stoddard's Casca was an outstanding piece of character acting. His voice had just the right rough tone about it, and his movements and gestures were also most convincing. This is a part that is easy to over-act, but Stoddard's jerky abruptness filled the role with great success. The conspirators managed to create a suitably mysterious atmosphere, but at times failed to come sufficiently together as a group. Apart from Casca, Decius (P. S. D. Dorner) and Caius Ligarius (A. D. Ritchie) were the most successful of the conspirators, while D. J. Simler was very amusing as the Cobbler. In any boys' production it is very difficult to make the female parts convincing, but in this year's School Play the performances of Calpurnia and Portia were quite adequate. D. R. Pearce as Portia made good use of his voice, but M. W. Whittle's Calpurnia had more ladylike gestures and movements.

As the play was performed in modern dress, it was only natural that the costumes attracted considerable attention. For the most part they were successful, but the military uniforms were perhaps rather too varied. It was especially a great pity that Cassius' uniform bore such a close resemblance to that of a bus conductor. The music was quite suitable and in no way interfered with the rest of the performance, as it might well have done if it had been handled less carefully. The blackcloth was deliberately made vague, but unfortunately tended to puzzle many of the spectators and distracted their attention from the play. Once again, Mr. Rouse and his assistants managed the lighting quietly, but efficiently.

Where "the School Play" has become (as indeed it should) a regular, annual, School function, it is of some importance that the Dramatic Society should show a certain degree of originality in its productions. Last year the choice of play was original and arresting, this year the manner of presentation; it will be interesting to see which way the Society turns in 1956.

L. B.

CAST

JULIUS CAESAR	J. D. Andrews
MARCUS BRUTUS	I. D. Scofield
MARK ANTONY	M. D. Kustow
CASSIUS	P. M. Oppenheimer
DECIUS	P. S. D. Dorner
CASCA	P. J. Stoddard
CINNA	J. M. Pike
METELLUS CIMBER	R. B. Fairweather
TREBONIUS	C. Ridge
CAIUS LIGARIUS	A. D. Ritchie
CINNA, THE POET	C. C. Gray
FLAVIUS	J. Littlewood
MARULLUS	P. J. Willmott
LUCIUS	M. A. Hollington
OCTAVIUS	J. R. Pinnells
LEPIDUS	A. C. Wale
A COBBLER	D. J. Simler
ARTEMIDORUS	A. P. Pearson
A SOOTHSAYER	B. D. G. Antrobus
CALPURNIA	M. W. Whittle
PORTIA	D. R. Pearce
CITIZENS, SERVANTS, OFFICERS AND MESSENGERS:	
A. J. Barker-Benfield, G. J. Barker-Benfield, T. V. Birkby, M. A. Carmody,	
B. P. FitzGerald, D. Fitzgerald, L. Goldstone, D. Harris, J. W. Holland,	
M. J. O. Hutchinson, M. G. Marre and W. P. Watson.	

BACKSTAGE

CALL BOY	R. M. Ballantine
PROMPTER.	S. C. Hamilton
SCENERY CONSTRUCTION	D. J. Cooke, G. Webster, and others
STAGE SET	A. Szmidla
ELECTRICIANS	A. P. Rouse, Esq., J. W. Felton, D. J. James
COSTUMES	J. McNair, Esq., Mrs. G. A. Wale, R. B. Lock, and others
SONG FOR LUCIUS	Dr. E. A. McLellan
PROPERTIES	C. Wren
MAKE-UP	J. W. Lear, Esq., B. P. FitzGerald, and others
BUSINESS MANAGER	T. L. Sanderson, Esq
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER	P. J. Creed
STAGE MANAGER	J. W. Lear, Esq.
PRODUCER.	H. L. B. Moody, Esq.

Processional music used in Acts I and III was a recording of the School Military Band, under the direction of G. E. Brand, Esq.

“Julius Caesar” crosses the Rhine

A foreign tour by a School Dramatic Society is not a common occurrence. The suggestion which led to our recent trip was first made when a School party from Stuttgart performed “Jedermann” here in 1953. Thus it was that all the excited paraphernalia of our production of “Julius Caesar” did not, as usual, die after three performances, but suffered a recrudescence some weeks after Christmas in ‘foreign parts.’

Even in Winter, when the season and dull weather lend sombre tones to the landscape, a journey to Heidelberg along the Rhine valley is among the most attractive of rail excursions. There is a fine modern station at Heidelberg which, for the occasion

of our visit, seemed populated with smiling German hosts. Soon the party dissolved into individuals, each whisked off into a German home to spend the next few days with a family. Our hosts could not have been more kind, hospitable, or generous.

Though unknown there, the musical comedy conception of Heidelberg is not entirely dissolved on a visitor's arrival. So attractive and inimitable is the charming town, and so enjoyable was our reception, that all of us soon developed a lasting regard for both the town and people.

On our first day we were taken for a walk high along the 'Philosophen Weg,' and looked down on Heidelberg across the river. It is squashed picturesquely into a valley at the conjunction of mountains, rivers and plain. . . .

Mannheim, a considerably larger industrial town, had been, unlike Heidelberg, severely bombed. It lacks the picturesque charm of the University City, but the large, modern, super-convenient theatre in which we played was a wonderful place. We were, once again, well received, and enjoyed the hospitality of German homes.

Liszt was born in Reutlingen, a country town near the Black Forest, famous for the manufacture of wine so sour that it "makes holes in the stomach!" There, as elsewhere, we were treated to a guided tour of the town and a reception by the Ober-Bürgermeister. The oft repeated theme of speeches was an expression of a sincere desire for Anglo-German friendship, towards which visits like ours would contribute. The German people are, of course, uniformly proud of their post-war reconstruction, and at Reutlingen we were presented with an illustrated booklet depicting war damage repair.

We were lucky enough to have a day free from performances at Reutlingen. We visited a school in the morning, and went on a coach excursion in the afternoon with some of our hosts. We toured the 'Great Bear and Charles' Caves,' which are reminiscent of, and at least as spectacular as, the Cheddar Caves of Somerset. It had, also, been arranged for the Princess of Württemberg, a relation of the late Queen Mary, to show us around her castle of Lichtenstein. The 'Schloss' is picturesque in the best nineteenth century romantic tradition, but the best part is its impressive situation, perched in the mountains like an eagle's nest.

Our final performances were given in Stuttgart, 'the metropolis of Baden-Württemberg.' Here again the situation of the Youth Hostel where we stayed demands mention. It is a fine modern building on the side of the hills surrounding the city. There is a magnificent view from the terrace, especially of the city at night. The highlight of our coach tour of Stuttgart was a visit to the vast Mercedes-Benz factory in the suburbs. The members of the 'Julius Caesar' cast may now be identified by their proud display of the corporation's badges which were distributed to us there. We inspected, but were unfortunately not able to ascend, the new 700

foot Television Mast. This is a cylindrical concrete tower built on another of the hills around the city. There are three restaurants on top, and the whole structure is in the imaginative modern idiom employed in many of the post-war buildings of the city.

Most of the work involved in the tour was done by the masters, and towards the end they, and even the boys to some extent, were beginning to feel the strain of continual travel, rehearsal and performance. Even the pleasure of meeting people as charming as our German friends became a little tiring. Nevertheless, when it came to our last performance, there was some sadness mingled with relief. Everywhere our production met with an almost embarrassingly enthusiastic reception. The tour could hardly have been more enjoyable, or a greater success. Our enjoyment was, we may dare to hope, shared in some degree by the masters to whom we all owe our sincere thanks. These are especially due to the Headmaster, whose general organization of our trip was so competent and contributed vitally to its success.

D. R. P.

Secrets

SPRING

Walk in crisp blue air with fresh swinglilt;
Breathe in with lungfresh expansion;
Feel cool warm sun blinking from whiteblue sky;
Look up!
Stark black branch fingers grasping bluecoolness;
Green buds swelling, life-sticky;
Craze-mazy silhouette of brown-grey twigs
Green shadow-fluttering leaves.
Cherry blossom
Petals pink-flushed, white-floating, strawberry juice soaking into
Icecream.
Lie on the stickpricktickly green of the close-cropped
Grass and know the secret, lazing shady-eyed from brightness.
Learn now the mystery.

SUMMER

Lower weary body into warm hard soft tender yielding sand
Pressed closer and closer to the enveloping ground,
For that way are you not.
Sun beat-thud scalding on bare back.
Sand tickle-trickling through fingers;
In the distance hiss of breakers like pouring coal.
Here in luxury let sun and sand suck your soul into eternity
if you can.

For you are learning,
Learning, yearning for an end,
End to the misery of self.
The mystery unfolds.



SCENES FROM "JULIUS CAESAR "

Above: " To every Roman citizen he gives . . . seventy five drachmas "

Below: " Let me have men about me that are fat."



DRAMATIC SOCIETY IN GERMANY

Above: RECEPTION AT HEIDELBERG

Below: CAESAR ASSASSINATED IN THE STADT-THEATER

AUTUMN

Walk again, this time in cooling air,
Breath heavy with year-ending tiredness.
Flurry of red gold, russet twisting in yellows and greens
In grey air.
Walk, forcing knee-deep through leaves,
Sere grey crunchiness.
The mind has nearly grasped it,
Year and lesson will end together,
And end too the weary ego-
Centric intellect of man.

WINTER

In this noble season stand
On a bleak bare hilltop.
Look and wait; the mystery is done.
See! The trees wave agonized hands
And curtsy to the Wind-God riding
High over their bowed heads to
Nowhere.
Feel the Wind-God strike your cheek;
It is a challenge.
Let rain fall soaking
Bare heads in reverence to
Darkening sky to violet, to deepest
Blue blackness of Night.
Here in the cold, the wet, the dark you
Understand at last.
Surrender your soul, give in, relax.
Nothingness.
Peace.
Around you is air, beyond it limitless space, black and fire-
twinkling.
Now is the time.
Man's small share join
With the infinite knowledge of eternity.
And here die the ego, the end of man,
And dying, live.

S. P. R. R.

Staff Concert

On February 7th, the Music Staff of the School gave a Chamber Music concert in the School Hall. The programme was varied, and well chosen to suit the merits of the performers. To begin with, the string performers played the first movement of Haydn's Quartet in G, which well revealed their excellent musicianship. Next came a most unusually presented extract from Grieg's Piano Concerto, performed by Mr. Flowers at the piano, with an organ accompaniment. But the players' *piece de resistance* undoubtedly

lay in the selection of trumpet music which followed this; Mr. Brand's trumpet tone is truly magnificent. Then the movement of Dvorak's String Quartet in F was remarkable for the excellent cello tone of Miss Bonner.

It is difficult, on an occasion such as this, not to praise the performers too highly, and consequently out of proportion, but I do feel it would be impossible to place too high a value on the excellent clarinet playing of Mr. Davies, and indeed the entire ensemble, in the last item, the Mozart Clarinet Quintet.

Chamber music lacks the popularity it deserves in this day of acoustic-bound concert halls and large orchestras, and it is concerts of this nature that may help to raise it to the position it rightly merits.

J. H. R.

School Games

WIN, DRAW OR LOSE?

In time of crisis, custom may be disregarded, and it is thus that we should like to add some general reflections to the reporting of results in our various sporting activities. Looking at the following accounts, while we may note our successes with pleasure, we must regard our failures as a warning of tendencies which demand some analysis.

Our chief successes may be found in the fields of Boxing and Cross-Country running; and, in the reports of both these activities, enthusiasm and practice have been stressed as essential. The Captain of the latter sport attributes the high standard of his team very much to the keen competition for places in it, and it is true that the finest teams in all branches of sport can only be produced where there exists an enthusiasm and striving for proficiency among the ordinary exponents of the game. It is from the average players of yesterday that tomorrow's teams will be chosen.

Consequently, as long as boys are content to play games, week after week, rather as part of a routine than as steps in a ladder toward mastery of techniques; as long as little attempt is made to master the rudiments of a game, early in the school, before taking the field, only to be outclassed by the naturally stronger; and while the advice of our experts remains unsought, failures will continue.

The object of sport should be three-fold—to promote bodily health, to develop certain qualities such as perseverance, leadership and one constantly exercised—grace in defeat, and finally to encourage a spirit of teamwork. We would therefore invite every boy to consider both the benefits and pleasures that can be derived from a real understanding of his game. In this term's Cricket, Rowing, Swimming and Tennis we are offered new opportunities which should be taken. Do not be content merely to play—strive to play well. If you ask for guidance and training, both masters and captains will give you all the aid they can, but the initiative is up to you!

In the success of the individual, a thing of great value in itself, lies the secret of the future successes of our School teams, and these successes will be all the more gratifying in that they will be indicative not merely of the keenness of a select few, but of a more worthwhile attitude toward sport throughout the entire school.

B. R. L.

Rugby Football 1955-56

At the opening of the season, there existed little ground for confidence. From a side which had achieved only moderate success the previous year, but a small nucleus remained around which a new side could be built. Much clearly depended on a rapid finding of form and cohesion by the whole team.

Despite the noble efforts of R. G. Mann, the Captain, this, alas, was not forthcoming. Timid, hesitant play resulted in five decisive defeats in rapid succession, and coaching became almost more a matter of stiffening morale and developing physical fitness than of explaining and practising tactical moves to a side eager to master them. Happily, a belated change of attitude brought modest success in the following three games, and the football was at times exciting to watch.

Our most formidable opponents, however, still remained to be played. The result was a further succession of defeats, but this, it can truthfully be said, was now in spite of, and not in consequence of, the School's performance. Better fought games one could not wish to see than those against Emanuel School and the Old Haberdashers' "A" team, and in these the First XV could leave the field proud, if defeated. Weak tackling had by now given place to robust and intelligent defence, poor handling to speedy and skilful passing movements, and half-hearted forward-play to spirited rushes and close combination with the three-quarters. How different things could have been, if such had been the story in October, not December.

The record of the Second XV and Third XV, as the table of results reveals, was no more flattering. True, injuries among members of the First XV necessitated more than the usual number of changes in the composition of these teams, and their relative lack of success may largely be explained by this fact. Yet the need for a determined effort from the very outset of next season remains no less urgent on that account.

The play of the Colts XV in their concluding matches of the season, and also the high standard of performance maintained throughout the House Rugby Competition, suggests that such an effort will be made. In that hope we may look forward with sober optimism, as well as the usual zest, to the coming season, thanking most sincerely all, both boys and colleagues, who have helped arrangements to be carried out with the customary smoothness and cordiality.

W. F. B.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This season cannot be said to have been other than disappointing. Yet how different it could have been.

Of the thirteen teams played, not a few were obviously superior, and we particularly congratulate Monmouth on their inclusion in the *Daily Telegraph's* selection of the ten best Public School sides of the season. As for the Old Boys they were, naturally, more experienced, heavier and faster than ourselves.

It was unfortunate that the less difficult games were played at the beginning of the season when the team was unsettled. Had we produced our form of the latter part of the season much earlier, we could have almost certainly won a number of victories. Although writing as a forward, I feel that the blame for our failure to do so must, in the main, rest with the three-quarters, where there was a lack of penetration and the defence was often suspect. We were further handicapped by the lack of a fly-half of any experience. H. G. Purchase eventually filled the position, as partner to N. D. Geer, proving a particular asset with his fast acceleration and tactical kicking. Geer must be congratulated on a spectacular season. He has immense courage and excellent service.

With the match against Emanuel School, the structure of the team was finally decided, A. E. Fuller being converted to a centre, where he was particularly valuable, providing the necessary thrust. In this match the team, as a whole, played well, the game being hard fought and vigorous. This vigour was evident in all the remaining games of the season and the standard of rugby was good, but, except in the Eltham match, we were still largely out-classed.

In addition to the previously mentioned members of the team, I would particularly congratulate my Vice-Captain, M. J. Robinson, who was outstanding among the forwards, while P. J. Egan, J. R. Parker and M. J. Sanders deserve special mention, as being the more successful members of the pack.

I would like to thank Mr. Barling for all he has done for the side and the time he has devoted to us. I do this not from mere politeness, but sincerely. Few boys realise how much the success of the side depends on him, and it is only as Captain that I have come fully to appreciate his enthusiasm. I am sorry to have offered him so little reward. It is one of the handicaps of a day school, however, that time for practice is very limited and the correction of deficiencies correspondingly difficult. Mr Barling has persevered with us, but we ourselves responded too late.

R. G. MANN, *Captain*.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

R. G. MANN (*Captain*)—A solid, enthusiastic forward, often in close support in passing movements, and useful in line-out and defence.

M. J. ROBINSON (*Vice-Captain*)—A hard working No.8, whose covering has been invaluable this season.

G. N. CHARLESWORTH—A good attacking centre, with a useful kick, who tends unfortunately to wilt in defence.

- L. J. CLARK—A keen prop forward, eager to enter the fray.
P. J. EGAN—A quick-breaking second-row forward, who has engaged usefully in open play.
A. E. FULLER—An enthusiastic and versatile player, quick in attack, and reliable in defence.
N. D. GEER—A courageous and accomplished scrum-half, with a long service and useful kick.
D. GOLDMAN—A powerful three-quarter, with reliable hands and undue proneness to injury.
M. R. HUNT—A slightly-built centre, who has yet to show his best in all departments.
A. S. HUDSON—A successful hooker, who could be more active both in attack and defence.
R. F. LEVERTON—A valuable front-row forward, useful in the loose.
J. S. MERCER—A fast wing-threequarter, who has taken time to find his form both in attack and defence.
J. R. PARKER—A lively prop forward, always up with the ball.
H. G. PURCHASE—A useful fly-half, who generally handles well, and kicks and runs with skill.
M. J. SANDERS—A reliable wing-forward, always well up in support.
B. M. SHAW—A fast wing-threequarter, handicapped by poor defence.
J. G. WESSON—A keen, solid, second-row forward, who has worked hard throughout the season.
M. S. WHITE—A safe full-back, with a useful kick and fair positioning sense.

FIRST XV

						Points	
						F.	A.
Oct.	1	v.	Royal Masonic School	H	Lost	3	6
Oct.	5	v.	Bedford Modern School	H	Lost	0	22
Oct.	8	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	A	Lost	3	9
Oct.	15	v.	St. Dunstan's College	A	Lost	12	17
Oct.	22	v.	Bancroft's School	H	Lost	0	8
Nov.	2	v.	City of London School	H	Won	11	5
Nov.	12	v.	St. Alban's School	H	Drawn	8	8
Nov.	16	v.	St. George's School	H	Drawn	3	3
Nov.	19	v.	Emanuel School	A	Lost	3	9
Nov.	26	v.	Berkhamsted School	A	Lost	0	36
Dec.	3	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A" XV	H	Lost	0	22
Dec.	10	v.	Eltham College	A	Lost	3	6
Dec.	17	v.	Monmouth School	H.	Lost	0	24

SECOND XV

Oct.	1	v.	Royal Masonic School	A	Won	17	3
Oct.	5	v.	Bedford Modern School	H	Lost	0	19
Oct.	8	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G. S.	H	Won	31	3
Oct.	15	v.	St. Dunstan's College	H	Lost	0	17
Oct.	22	v.	Bancroft's School	A	Drawn	0	0
Nov.	2	v.	City of London School	A	Won	21	3
Nov.	12	v.	St. Alban's School	A	Lost	3	26
Nov.	19	v.	Emanuel School	H	Lost	3	6
Nov.	26	v.	Berkhamsted School	H	Lost	8	17
Dec.	3	v.	Old Haberdashers' "Ex. A" XV	H	Lost	3	32
Dec.	10	v.	Eltham College	H	Lost	3	8

THIRD XV

Oct.	1	v.	Royal Masonic School	H	Won	21	5
Oct.	8	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	A	Lost	0	12
Oct.	15	v.	St. Dunstan's College	A	Lost	5	9
Oct.	22	v.	Bancroft's School	H	Drawn	3	3
Nov.	2	v.	City of London School	H	Lost	3	10

								Points	
								F.	A.
Nov.	12	<i>v.</i>	St. Alban's School	.....	.....	A.	Lost	0	26
Nov.	19	<i>v.</i>	Emanuel School	.....	.....	A	Lost	14	22
Nov.	26	<i>v.</i>	Berkhamsted School	.....	.....	H	Lost	8	24
Dec.	10	<i>v.</i>	Eltham College	.....	.....	A	Lost	3	22

COLTS XV

Oct.	1	v.	Royal Masonic School	.....	.....	A	Lost	8	48
Oct.	8	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	.....	.....	H	Won	18	17
Oct.	15	v.	St. Dunstan's College	.....	.....	H	Lost	3	29
Oct.	22	v.	Bancroft's School	.....	.....	A	Lost	3	15
Nov.	5	v.	City of London School	.....	.....	A	Lost	3	6
Nov.	12	v.	St. Alban's School	.....	.....	H	Lost	3	11
Nov.	19	v.	Emanuel School	.....	.....	H	Won	20	10
Nov.	26	v.	Berkhamsted School	.....	.....	A	Won	17	12

SUMMARY

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV	13	1	2	10	46	175
2nd XV	11	3	1	7	89	134
3rd XV	9	1	1	7	57	133
Colts XV	8	3	0	5	75	148

MATCH REPORTS

School v. Haberdashers' "A" XV—*Saturday, November 3rd.*

Lost. School, 0. Old Haberdashers "A" XV, 22.

The Old Boys' weight and experience were the deciding factors in a most enjoyable and well played game. Almost inevitably, the Old Boys' outsiders got a plentiful supply of the ball from their forwards, but they were met by determined covering and tackling from the School team. Although much the lighter side, the School played very well and more than once came near to scoring. For the Old Boys, P. Maddocks (2), J. Stagg (2), B. Goodman and R. Kipps scored tries, D. Wells converting two.

School v. Monmouth School—*Saturday, December, 17th.*

Lost. School, 0. Monmouth, 24.

This was a keen, hard fought match, which was not nearly so one-sided as the score suggests. Several times the School came very near to scoring, but the final pass always went astray. The School tackling was good, and at half-time Monmouth were leading by only one goal to nothing. The Monmouth team, however, was very fit and well co-ordinated and, as the School team tired, Monmouth scored tries in rapid succession.

JUNIOR HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION

FIRST ROUND

Strouts, 15	Meadows, 0
Joblings, 16	Hendersons, 3

SEMI-FINALS

Strouts, 8	Calverts, 0
Joblings, 20	Russells, 0

FINAL

Joblings, 11	Strouts, 3
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SENIOR HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION

FIRST ROUND

Meadows, 12	Strouts, 0
Joblings, 11	Hendersons, 0

SEMI-FINALS

Calverts, 6
Joblings, 30

Meadows, 0
Russells, 8

FINAL

Calverts, 14

Joblings, 3

SENIOR HOUSE RUGBY FINAL

Calverts, 14 Joblings, 3

This match proved to be a remarkably skilful game, with some keen and vigorous play. Calverts' supremacy lay with their forwards, who were admirably led by R. F. Leverton, with J. R. Parker and D. Webster outstanding. Thus, the Joblings backs received little of the ball from their forwards and were occupied almost entirely with defence, where excellent tackling by J. S. Mercer and J. Baker ended many of Calverts' movements.

HOUSE SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY COMPETITION

FIRST ROUND

Calverts, 18
Joblings, 8

Strouts, 8
Meadows, 5.

SEMI-FINALS

Calverts, 14
Joblings, 11

Hendersons, 0
Russells, 0

FINAL

Joblings, 14

Calverts, 3

HOUSE SEVEN-A-SIDE FINAL

Joblings, 14 Calverts, 3

Joblings quickly gained the ascendancy, but while they were the better side they were aided by atrocious handling on the Calverts side. The fast Joblings team took full advantage of these mistakes and won comfortably.

TEAM MAKE-UPS

FIRST XV

†† White, M. S.
†† Mercer, J. S.
† *Goldman, D.
† Shaw, B. M.
†† Charlesworth, G. N.
* Fuller, A. E.
†† Hunt, M. R.
* Purchase, H. G.
* Geer, N. D.
† Parker, J. R.
†† Clark, L. J.
† Leverton, R. F.
†† Hudson, A. S.
†† Egan, P. J.
† Wesson, J. G.
†† Sanders, M. J.
* Robinson, M. J.
* Mann, R. G. (Capt.)

SECOND XV

† Baker, J. E. (Capt.)
† Horrocks, H. J.
† Alford, D. V.
Babey, J. K.
Strange, G. E. F.
Simler, D. J.
† Boon, J. G.
† Healey, N.
† McLaren, K. A.
† Scofield, I. D.
† Ohrenstein, C. I.
Berkeley, R. C. W.
Jones, G.
Treadwell, T. R.
† Churchland, H. A.

* Denotes 1st XV Colours † Denotes 1st XXX Colours
†† Denotes re-awards

THIRD XV

Willment, G. J. A.
Loh, L.
Allen, C. G.
Curtis, D. W. (Capt.)

COLTS XV

† Harris, J. D.
† Littlewood, J.
Pascoe, B.
Steele, M. W. R.

Wetheridge, M. R.
 Curtis, A. E.
 Smart, I. C.
 Newton, B.
 Hounsell, M. J.
 Bigg, G. P.
 Readman, A. C. M.
 Dorman, A. P.
 Theodorou, J. G.
 McInnes, W. O.
 Webster, D.
 Bancroft, D. G.
 Mercer, D. B.

Robbins, P. M.
 ‡Ewer, M. G.
 ‡Beaman, W. J.
 ‡Anderson, M.
 Ramsay, P. G.
 Evans, B. G.
 King, D. W.
 ‡Benfield, A. J. B. (Capt.)
 Pead, B.
 Geer, P. N.
 Rivkine, G. M.
 Evans, G.
 ‡Watson, W. P.
 Handscombe, B. J. R.

‡ Denotes Junior Colours

Boat Club

Until now, the Club has been limited in its activities, as the rowing season has not officially opened, and as weather conditions have not always been kind. The opening event of the season was the Junior Head of the River Race (March 24th), in which, the 1st and 2nd VIIIs lay 17th and 39th, respectively, out of a total of 64. Our crews unfortunately dropped to the positions of 28th and 51st, though this apparently meteoric decline does not, we hope, present a fair picture of the crews' potentialities.

Despite the fact that the 1st VIII has been hampered by ill luck, in the form of injuries, the crew has settled down, and is now rowing with a determined spirit. In this connection I should like to thank I. T. Ebel for the valuable assistance he has rendered to the 1st VIII as an excellent reserve.

The 2nd VIII has also had trouble with crew composition, which has affected its rowing. In spite of this a definite improvement had developed over the past few weeks, and the prospects of a good season ahead of it are evident.

Both crews are now training at Putney under the watchful eye of Mr. Browning, whom I should like to thank for his ardent keenness in coaching the crews to a high standard of rowing, which will be tested in the league races and regattas of the Summer Term.

A. J. FEWKES, *Captain of Boats.*

FIRST VIII

Bow, D. J. RESTRICK; 2, A. C. LANGMEAD; 3, R. P. LANSDELL; 4, M. C. RYAN; 5, A. J. FEWKES; 6, P. W. G. IVES; 7, C. HINGLEY; *Stroke*, M. G. DICHLIAN; *Cox*, A. D. RITCHIE.

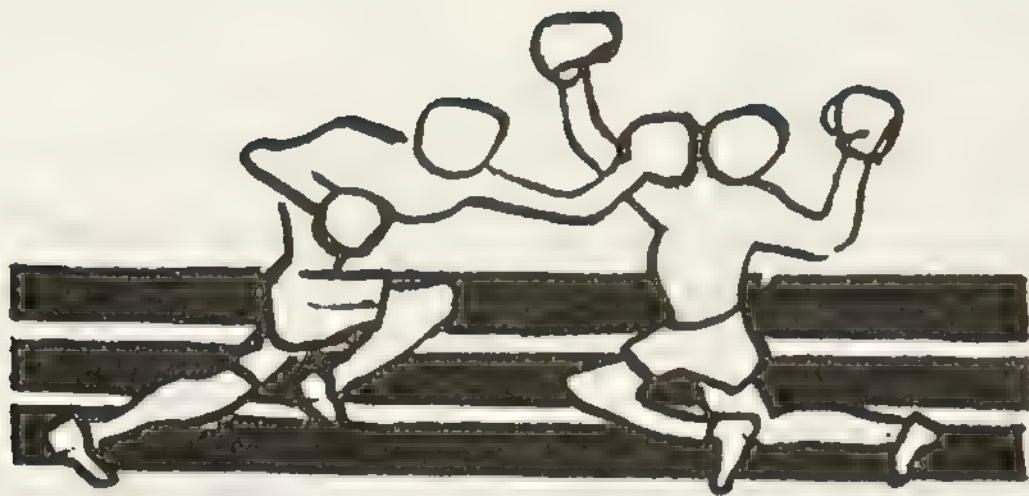
SECOND VIII

Bow, N. J. DOWNER; 2, P. J. CREED; 3, J. P. STOVELL; 4, I. T. EBEL; 5, N. F. BARNES; 6, J. GLASS; 7, A. W. JOHNSON, *Stroke*, A. R. FREEMAN; *Cox*, D. P. GILBY.

RACE RESULTS

March 3rd. 1st VIII v. Kingston Grammar School 1st VIII (A). Won, $\frac{1}{2}$ length.
March 10th. 1st VIII v. Worcester Union. (A). Won, $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Boxing



The Boxing season opened with the House Competition in which over 250 boys took part in 38 different weight-age groups from which School Boxing colours were excluded.

RESULTS

UPPER SCHOOL SHIELD			LOWER SCHOOL SHIELD		
1	Hendersons	44 points	1	Calverts	42 points
2	Meadows	40 "	2	Strouts	37 "
3	Calverts	35 "	3	Russells	33 "
4	Joblings	26 "	4	Hendersons	22 "
5	Strouts	22 "	5	Meadows	22 "
6	Russells	19 "	6	Joblings	18 "

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

LOWER SCHOOL

SECOND FORMS

5st., Douglas-Turner; 5st. 7lbs., Norman; 6st., Dines; 6st. 7lbs., Burgess; 7st., Metcalfe; 7st. 7lbs., Pollak; 8st., Shillabeer; over 8st., Rolfe.

THIRD FORMS

5st., Dunn; 5st. 7lbs., Ritchie; 6st., Littlewood; 6st. 4lbs., Welch; 6st. 10lbs., Boseley; 7st. 4lbs., Appleby; 7st. 10lbs., Jelley; 8st., Morgan; 8st. 7lbs., Wolton; over 8st. 7lbs., Packman.

UPPER SCHOOL

5st. 7lbs., Gravatt; 6st., Flowers; 6st. 7lbs., Hampson; 7st., Porter; 7st. 7lbs., Webster; 8st., Owen; 8st. 7lbs., (junior) Birkby; (senior) Kelton; 9st., Weston; 9st. 7lbs., (junior) Benfield, G.; (senior) Whittam; 10st., (junior) Harrison; (senior) Hesselberger; 10st. 7lbs., Horrocks; 11st., (junior) Theodorou; (senior) Curtis; 11st. 7lbs., Stark; 12st., (junior) Benfield, A.; (senior) Dorey.

After the competition, the School boxers, together with the more courageous survivors of the competition, attended boxing classes and 43 boys took part in School matches.

From the Lower School boxers, two teams took the ring, one drawn from the 2nd Forms against the Preparatory School, and one mainly from the 3rd Forms against Colet Court. The first match was drawn and the second lost; but in both our boxers shaped well, and showed promise.

The Upper School took part in three matches, the results of which showed that regular attendance at practice adds not only to more skilful boxing, but also to greater fitness and strength.

RESULTS

v. City of London School	Won	8—2	(H)
v. Merchant Taylors School	Won	5—4	(A)
v. St. Paul's School	Won	11—5	(H)

Colours have been awarded as follows:

Junior Colours: P. G. Boseley, M. J. Burman, C. E. Dines, R. F. Dunn, A. G. Ebel, T. L. Evans, P. Littlewood, M. J. Ritchie.

Ribbon Colours: A. Brown, J. Coombes, M. Devenish, G. H. Evans, K. A. Flowers, J. D. Harris, B. L. Harrison, J. C. Kelton, H. A. Mercer, P. Mitchinere, G. Webster, G. A. Whittam.

Half Colours: A. D. K. Freeman, J. Littlewood, J. R. Parker.

Full Colours: A. E. Curtis, D. B. Mercer, H. G. Purchase, P. Stewart, G. E. Strange, M. S. White (Captain).

The thanks of the Boxing Club are due to Mr. C. R. Thompson, Mr. L. K. Wilkinson and Mr. G. A. Peebles who have so kindly officiated at our matches, to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Delight who have given us every assistance in the gym, and to our captain, M. S. White, who has led us through such a successful season.

R. W. H.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Boxing Club has once again enjoyed a very successful season. Unfortunate cancellations cut the number of fixtures down to only three, but despite the consequent lack of match practice all the School's boxers performed admirably and all three matches were won. In the first match the School scored a convincing win over City of London School and K. A. Flowers, G. E. Strange, D. B. Mercer and P. Stewart all gave very fine performances. The next contest, against Merchant Taylors, was much closer, and here, once again, D. Mercer boxed strongly to win, while younger and less experienced boys also performed with credit. The highlight of the season, however, was the fixture against the St. Paul's School team. St. Paul's did not include any first colours, but none the less their team was very strong and experienced, and it was a grand achievement for the School to win by 11 bouts to 5. D. Mercer rounded off a very successful season by knocking his opponent out in the second round, P. Stewart's determined aggression proved most effective once again, while D. J. Harris, A. D. Freeman, A. E. Curtis and G. E. Strange all won in impressive fashion. I am certain that with hard training and plenty of match practice the School Boxing team will continue to enjoy its customary success and, in closing, I would like to thank Mr. Hewson for his hard work and invaluable instruction, which are the roots of the team's success.

M. S. WHITE, *Captain*.

Chess

The matches in the 1955-56 season may be summarised as follows:—

LONDON SCHOOLS CHESS LEAGUE

Haberdashers' Aske's Hampstead School versus		
Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham School	Won	6—0
St. Paul's School	Lost	1—5

Hackney Downs School	Won	5½—½
Willesden County School	Drawn	3—3
William Ellis School	Lost	2½—3½
Owen's School	Won	4½—1½

The 8-board match against Willesden County School included two "friendly" games, both of which we won. We finished eighth of the thirty-nine schools in the League.

FINCHLEY & DISTRICT SCHOOLS CHESS LEAGUE

Haberdashers' Aske's Hampstead School versus		
St. Aloysius' College	Won	5—1
Hendon County School	Won	4—2
Finchley Catholic School	Won	6—0
Woodhouse School	Drawn	3—3
Christ's College, Finchley	Won	4½—1½

Our fixtures in this League included another match with William Ellis, this time of sixteen boards. On the ten "friendly" boards we lost 7—3; in five of the official games we drew 2½ all, while the other had to be sent for adjudication, the result of which is not yet known. The positions in the competition are, of course, not yet available.

A friendly 5-board match against Kilburn Grammar School was won by us 3½—1½.

The regular members of the Team have been A. E. Fuller, S. P. R. Rose, B. A. Stark, M. Tarlow, B. F. Robinson and J. M. Yeomans. L. W. Hart and J. K. Bennett were most prominent among the occasional players.

The following were the results in the London Boys' Chess Championships:—

Senior Section (58 entrants) A. E. Fuller 8th equal.
 Junior Section (70 entrants) J. K. Bennett 4th equal.
 D. J. Semlyen 5th, equal; L. Chin 6th, equal; G. E. Rees and J. Tarlow 8th, equal; P. F. Fellner 12th, equal; and A. C. Moore 13th, equal. Congratulations to them all.

The School has won the Silver Cup presented by Sir George Thomas, sometime British Champion, for the Competition (Division 1) of the Junior Postal Chess League.

The Chess Society's thanks for all their hard work are due to A. E. Fuller (Captain), S. P. R. Rose (Hon. Sec.) and B. A. Stark (Treasurer).

A. W. G.

Cross Country

Without any doubt, this has been one of the most successful seasons the team has ever had. Again this year a large number expressed their desire to do cross-country running, which resulted in keen competition for a place in the first team, thus raising the standard of running appreciably.

The team started the season on a triumphant note by winning the Guildford Grammar Schools' Invitation relay-race in a new record time. This high standard was maintained throughout the

season, and we were again victorious in the Polytechnic Harriers' Schools race, where the team took 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places, giving a total score of only 14 points.

Unfortunately, the inter-school fixtures, many of which had been newly arranged this year, were badly affected by the weather. Our local Derby with Harrow County School, however, took place as usual, and we won, our first three home tying for 1st place.

By the end of the season, the team had won no less than 2 cups and 24 medals.

This achievement was due almost entirely to one factor, training. If this year's standard is to be maintained or improved, training must be taken seriously, and not left to just one run a week.

It was encouraging to note the interest taken in running by a large number of juniors, as yet not old enough to join the ranks of the regular runners. This promises more successes next year.

The first and second teams were made up from the following:—
Sykes** (Captain), Woodford** (Vice-Captain and Secretary), Redpath**, Vogler*, Strange*, Jones*, Petzold, Carmody, Kelton, Drewry, Turner, Clements, Holland, Ogden.

‡ Denotes colours

** Colours reawarded

The following have also represented the School.

J. Littlewood, B. G. Evans, Cattle, Anderson, Sutcliffe, Peterkin, Ridge, Roberts, Symons, Darby, Lansdell.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Woodford for his highly efficient and untiring work as Secretary, and Mr. Goater, in his first season as team manager, for never failing to make us produce our best both in training and in competition.

M. D. SYKES, *Captain of Cross-Country.*

RESULTS

At Totteridge. v. Shaftesbury Harriers and Christ's College. (School, 2nd).
At Highgate. Inter-Schools Match. (Highgate Harriers). Declared No Race.
At Highgate. Inter-Schools Match. (Polytechnic Harriers). Declared No Race.
At Watford. v. Watford Grammar and Bedford Modern Schools. Cancelled.
At Richmond. Inter-Schools Match (Ranelagh Harriers). (School, 2nd).
At Richmond. v. Emanuel and High Wycombe Grammar School. (School, 1st).
At Grove Park. v. City of London School. Cancelled.
At Ruislip. Inter-Schools Match (Polytechnic Harriers). (School, 1st with 14 pts.)
At Eastcote. Inter-Schools Relay (Queen's Park Harriers). (School, 2nd).
At Southgate. Inter-Schools Match (Southgate Harriers). (School, 3rd.).
At Epping. Inter-Schools Match (Orion Harriers).
At Northwick Park. v. Harrow County School. (School, 1st).

Fives

This season has undoubtedly been the most successful since the war, which was due not only to the increase in fixtures, but also to the mounting interest in Fives generally throughout the School.

The 1st IV's fixture list was increased from three matches last year to eleven this year, and the 2nd IV's from two matches to four. The 1st IV played new fixtures against four schools—Alleyns, Merchant Taylors, St. Dunstons, and Whitgift; all

proving rather too strong for us, particularly Whitgift, the holders of the Public Schools Doubles Championship. Matches were also played against the Masters and the Old Haberdashers' for the first time, all proving extremely close. Our old rivals, U.C.S. and St. Paul's, were beaten, St. Paul's for the first time. The Bank of England Sports Club unfortunately had to cancel their fixture at the last moment.

All the team played consistently well, particularly Stark, who won eight out of his eleven singles matches. Unfortunately at Alleyns, S. P. R. Rose injured himself, but Purvis took over and proved himself a reliable player, particularly in doubles play. Fox also played well, and had many very close and exciting singles games.

The 2nd IV, as last year, beat U.C.S. at home, but lost away at the strange U.C.S. courts. The Masters proved too strong, particularly Mr. Thomas, and a very exciting game was had against the Old Boys. Smith (who also played in one match for the 1st IV) and Pollak were the backbone of the 2nd IV, but Gordon and Whittenbury also played well.

The House Tournament is well under way, but not yet complete. Hendersons, who have won the Raisin Cup for the last two years, seem likely to retain it. For the first time a Junior Section was started for the 3rd and 4th Forms and aroused great interest, particularly in the Thirds.

It is extremely pleasing to see the courts continually in use by the 4th, 3rd and even 2nd Formers. Next year there is a possibility of forming a Colts IV, and if boys like Breen, Gardner, Weston, and Wren continue to improve at their present rate, they stand a good chance of being picked. From the 4th Form, Allen and Barker-Benfield have proved the best players and are potential material for next year's 2nd IV.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. Sanderson not only for his continued interest and guidance, but also for his invaluable encouragement.

N. A. PARKER, *Captain of Fives.*

RESULTS

FIRST IV

Sat.	28 Jan.	(H)	U.C.S.	.....	.....	Won	174- 89
Sat.	4 Feb.	(A)	Alleyns School	.....	.....	Lost	87-103
Tue.	7 Feb.	(H)	Masters	.....	.....	Lost	143-151
Sat.	11 Feb.	(H)	Old Haberdashers	.....	.....	Lost	136-140
Wed.	15 Feb.	(A)	Merchant Taylors	.....	.....	Lost	120-173
Sat.	18 Feb.	(H)	Whitgift School	.....	.....	Lost	77-176
Wed.	22 Feb.	(H)	St. Dunstan's College	.....	.....	Lost	119-174
Sat.	25 Feb.	(A)	U.C.S.	.....	.....	Won	169-131
Wed.	7 Mar.	(H)	St. Paul's School	.....	.....	Won	162-157
Sat.	10 Mar.	(A)	Bank of England	.....	.....	Cancelled	
Sat.	17 Mar.	(H)	Old Haberdashers	.....	.....	Won	163-125

SECOND IV

Sat.	11 Feb.	(A)	U.C.S. II	.....	.....	Lost	116-159
Tue.	6 Mar.	(H)	Masters	.....	.....	Lost	121-171
Sat.	17 Mar	(H)	U.C.S. II	.....	.....	Won	169-135
Thu.	22 Mar.	(H)	Old Haberdashers II	.....	.....	Won	176-111

TEAMS

1st. IV: B. A. Stark**; N. A. Parker** (Captain); J. D. Fox*; R. B. Purvis*.

2nd IV: D. J. Smith (Captain); P. M. Pollak; A. Gordon; J. R. Whittenbury.

* Colours

** Colours reawarded

Basketball

The School's two teams each played five matches this season and of these the first team won 1, drew 1 and lost 3, while the second team won 4 and lost 1. Both teams played very well on occasions, but the first team suffered considerably from lack of height and from the all too frequent inability to score from an easy position. Thus, many excellent chances were wasted and this, coupled with some careless defensive blunders, was enough to lose the team games which it should have won. The second team, however, under the very able captaincy of D. Taylor, played consistently well and accomplished some fine victories, the defeat of the R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton, being quite outstanding! With the material already available in this team, and the addition of some new and enthusiastic players, the Basketball Club should do very well next year. Meanwhile, I should like to thank Mr. Thomas on behalf of the two teams for his hard work and constant guidance.

M. S. WHITE, *Captain of Basketball.*

TEAM MAKE-UPS

1st TEAM: M. S. White (Captain), J. Gleeson, H. Purchase, M. Hunt, J. R. Parker, N. Healey.

2nd TEAM: D. Taylor (Captain), B. Pascoe, J. Churchland, J. Porter, T. Treadwell, G. Charlesworth, D. Mercer.

MATCH RESULTS: (All matches were played away)

1st Team v. University College, London	Won	23-20 pts.
2nd Team v. University College, London	Lost	27-29 pts.
1st Team v. R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	Lost	29-50 pts.
2nd Team v. R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	Won	36-32 pts.
1st Team v. Eltham College	Drawn	14-14 pts.
2nd Team v. Eltham College	Won	33-20 pts.
1st Team v. University College, London	Lost	28-29 pts.
2nd Team v. University College, London	Won	35-33 pts.
1st Team v. St. Dunstan's College	Lost	23-31 pts.
2nd Team v. St. Dunstan's College	Won	27-23 pts.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

HENDERSONS won the Senior House Basketball Competition by defeating JOBLINGS by 22 points to 7 points in the final.

Shooting

During the Spring term of 1955, the team contested seven matches, winning four, losing two, the other being a tie. In the course of these, the school record, under "Country Life" conditions, was twice broken with scores of 658 points against R.G.S., Guildford,

and 671 points against Sebright School,—the maximum score possible being 720 points. In the "Country Life" competition itself, the School was placed 74th out of 134 entrants.

In the Summer Term, though the shooting was consistently good, it proved not good enough in three "friendly" matches. Shooting in the Ashburton Shield, the School attained its highest-ever score—499 points—and place—18th, from nearly ninety schools.

The Autumn term saw a very depleted 1st VIII, only three of the previous team remaining. Nevertheless, the team won two of their three matches, though scores were not astoundingly high.

However, in this Spring term of 1956 after several mediocre scores, the team combined brilliantly in the "Country Life" competition, scoring by the normal method, 677 points, a new record, a deserving reward for the patience and guidance of Major Hewson and Lt. Welbourne, for which all are grateful.

Those taking part in this feat, and other matches during this year, were: B. Barber, B. Fitzgerald, C. Hay, A. Langmead, T. Long, J. Parker, D. Webster, J. Winney, A. Woodford.

J. R. PARKER, *Captain of Shooting*.

"Acute Angles"

21st—23rd MARCH

Whether the Revue is a form of entertainment capable of affording such pleasure as the more integrated dramatic forms is an open question—certainly it is a form well established in public taste at the present time. Mr. Browning and the Boat Club last year had shown with many happy strokes of wit and invention that a School Revue was a very possible venture, which could bring to light much otherwise unsuspected talent; and Mr. Lear is to be heartily congratulated on his courage in attempting, and his success in bringing off, this term another Revue, this time of a more "intellectual" type, managing to avoid too great a dependence on "domestic" humour. This was performed in the School Hall for three evenings, and it is pleasant to record that a generous measure of support was provided by boys, Old Boys, and parents, all of whom went away thoroughly delighted with the general liveliness of the performances.

It is only to be expected that, in a collection of thirty items, quality will vary, but it must be admitted that some of the songs and sketches were of a very high standard. The political commentary, "Blues," was very pointed and neat, and ended excellently; "Beards" a delightful conception, with some of the best choreography in the show; "Tired Intellectuals" a perfect satire of types not unknown in this part of the metropolis; while "Classical Crime" was an ingenious exercise in contrasted tones, in which Andrews' colloquial interjections were excellently timed and phrased, even if the Latin speeches were done with rather too little clarity. The two contributions by the School Prefects deserved warmest commendation, not only for the willingness shown by a body of officials who are not normally thought of *ex officio* as stage entertainers, but

also for the very solid competence of their performance, Fox and Mercer especially showing excellent judgement.

While it would, no doubt, be interesting to consider the merits and faults of each item in the Revue, space only permits the mention of a few more of the "high lights" of the show—the pleasant singing of Rose and Kustow in "La Panze"; the striking set and opening mime of "Southward Ho," with snow falling at the South Pole, where a Civil Servant descends from a helicopter; the zestful Finale to Part I, prepared, incidentally, some time before the interest of a Royal Personage established "The Lizzie Borden Song" as a current favourite; Littlewood's cockney watchman in the famous "'Ole in the Road"; Oppenheimer's resourceful rendering of the speech from "Cyrano"; and the delicate "Oriental Screen," devized by Szmidla. For the benefit of future script writers, it might be well to point out that some of the sketches showed excellent promise, but failed to maintain it: clearly the ending is one of the most difficult, yet vital, points to get right. It might also be suggested that too great a use of "Nods, and becks, and wreathed smiles" is apt to be irritating, unless the basic histrionic requirements of clear speech and firm tidy movements have been attended to—on these two counts, especially, did the "Three Little Maids by Searle" disappoint, for the characterization and costume was most effective. Again we might invite some members of the company to consider whether the habit of attempting sarcastically to goad an audience into laughter is not, much as it is used by professional comedians nowadays, to be avoided.

The general sequence of "Acute Angles" was discreetly organized, and smoothly carried out. Indeed the series of changes rung on the fairly small number of performers, and the many deft changes of scenery, costume, wigs, and make-up contributed largely to the general liveliness of the entertainment. The musical accompaniment, neatly provided at two pianos by Blount and Garrod, with Harris at the drums, was all that was required, except perhaps for the Overture, which seemed rather limp.

But the most pleasing aspect of the whole show was that, in this age of so much "provided" entertainment, a large amount of the material used in this Revue was the original work of boys, and we sincerely hope that this will not have been the last manifestation of the talent that is with us. "G. and S." is an enjoyable, but hoary, British institution, and Miss Bridget D'Oyley Carte paid fully in "Acute Angles" for her refusal to give permission for the proposed performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore." But, has she not compelled us to ask whether the successors of "G. and S." are not with us, and whether the next School Opera should not really be a *School Opera*?

The performers, by whom also many of the items were devized, were announced as:

John Andrews, John Baker, Roger Berkeley, Ian Ebel, Brian Fitzgerald, John Glass, Colin Herbert, Michael Kustow, the Littlewood brothers, Roger Lansdell, Roger Lock, Peter



SEATED FIGURE



STUDY FOR A PORTRAIT
(reduced)



PENCIL STUDY

BY R. D. PURVIS



SHAKESPEARE IN MODERN DRESS

A PROPOSED STAGE SET

Oppenheimer, John Rose, David Restrict, Jon Tarlow, and Geoffrey Salmon.

Additional material was also provided by Christopher Gray, Jim Pinnells, John Wesson, J. W. L., and G. C. H.

Backstage workers were: Stage Manager, Creed; Assistants, Webster, Shewry, Edis, Smith, and Stonhold; Electricians, A. P. Rouse Esq., Felton, James, and Cooke; Properties, Ballantine.

Programmes, incidentally of a rather higher standard than usual, were printed at the School Press.

House Notes

CALVERTS

We are all very sorry that ill-health has forced Mr. Small to retire. Every member of Calverts thanks him for his persistent leadership and enthusiasm as Housemaster, and wishes him many years of happy retirement. We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Dudderidge in his place, and feel sure that his experience in sport will be particularly valuable. At this point I should like to thank Mr. Hickman for all his work, especially as Acting Housemaster during the Autumn Term.

Calverts' revival after three disappointing years has exceeded our hopes. The House stood a close second in the Dunton Shield at the end of last term, having finished third in the Upper School Boxing and Lower School Work and Conduct Competitions, and first in the Upper School Work and Conduct Competition (a sign of all-round determination after being sixth throughout last year). So far this term the House has pulled off the Senior XV's and the Lower School Boxing Shield, as well as reaching the final of the Sevens.

As evidence of its ability in every sphere, the House staged a short revue after the tea at the House Party in January, when we were glad to have Mr. Small as our guest. A small presentation was made to him from the House on this occasion.

I should like to thank Mann, the Vice-Captain, and congratulate him on bringing the captaincy of Rugby back to Calverts. Hearty thanks are also due to Lincoln, a very hard-working and capable recorder.

D. W. CURTIS, *Captain*.

HENDERSONS

At the end of the Autumn Term, our position in the Dunton Shield Competition was third, thanks firstly to our winning the Upper School Boxing Competition, and secondly to our being runners-up in the Upper School Work and Conduct Shield. The Lower School, in contrast, were bottom in their Work and Conduct competition.

During this Spring Term, they have continued to let the House down by bad conduct, though this was largely owing to the activities of several persistent offenders. Their lack of House Spirit was shown

by the poor entry for the Lower School Boxing Competition, where we came fourth equal. Nevertheless, I should like to congratulate Ritchie and Dunn on the award of their Boxing Colours.

In the Upper School, however, our results have been a little more encouraging, for we won the Senior Basketball Competition, and are in a strong position in the Fives Competition; in the Rugby Competitions, on the other hand, we failed to repeat the success of previous years.

The House Party was an undisputed success, especially since it made a small profit which has formed the basis of a House Trust. At Christmas, we were very sorry to lose the leadership of our House Captain, Clark, whose enthusiasm and ability were a constant inspiration to us all.

There is a great deal of potentially good material in the House, particularly in the Fourth Forms; but an all-round effort from every member, especially in the Lower School, will be essential if we are to stand the least chance of regaining the Dunton Shield.

It only remains for me to give my sincere thanks to Mr. Hewson for his constant guidance and support; to Fuller and Fox, the House Vice-Captain and Recorder; and to Pole and Ritchie, our Lower School House Captain and Vice-Captain.

C. G. HINGLEY, *Captain.*

JOBLINGS

At the end of the Autumn Term, Joblings were 5th in the Dunton Shield, one point behind Strouts. The reason for this poor showing was a great deficiency of plus points for work. This can only be remedied by a steady effort throughout the House. It was only our exceptionally good conduct record, which was the best in the School, that enabled us to come 3rd in the Upper School, and 4th in the Lower School Work and Conduct Competitions. In the Upper School Boxing, we gained 4th place: this was a creditable performance, considering our lack of experienced boxers.

Our high hopes for the Spring Term were well justified. We won both the Junior and Seven-a-side Rugby Competitions, and in the Senior we were beaten in the final by Calverts after we had defeated Hendersons and Russells. Our rugger captain, Baker, and all those who played in the teams, deserve to be congratulated on these excellent results. We also reached the final in both the Senior and Junior Basketball competitions.

Joblings was one of the only two Houses to put on a 'live' show for the House Party. This proved very successful, and I should like to thank all those who took part for the time and trouble they spent in preparing the items.

At the end of the Autumn Term we said good-bye to Geer and to Hoare, who had been a most efficient House Recorder. Hoare was awarded, somewhat belatedly and almost posthumously, the House tie which he richly deserved.

Finally, I should like to thank Wesson and Baker for their constant support, and Mr. Barling and Mr. Nicholas for the continued interest they have taken in everything concerned with the House.

J. S. MERCER, *Captain*.

MEADOWS

I should like to start by thanking the House for the excellent response received in support of the House Party, which proved a great success. I am also grateful to the people who helped in the preparation of it.

Secondly, I wish to congratulate the Lower School on the high standard of their work during the Autumn Term. In the Lower School Work and Conduct Shield competition they gained an easy first position. This, combined with second in the Upper School Boxing, more than made up for the position of fifth in the Upper School Work and Conduct, and gave us first place in the Dunton Shield Competition.

On the sporting side, however, luck has been against us this Spring and several very close matches have resulted in wins for our opponents. This must be remedied in future by every member of the House concerned putting in that extra ounce of determination which is needed for success.

With regard to minus points, I am glad to say that the House has gained considerably fewer than last term. I hope that the Summer will see a further improvement here.

In conclusion, I offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Crossman, Mr. Carrington and Mr. Browning, and also to Hudson, the Vice-Captain, and Horrocks, the Games Captain, for all the help that they have given me throughout the past two terms.

A. A. G. WOODFORD, *Captain*.

RUSSELLS

It now appears that I was too optimistic in my last report, for the House had dropped to the bottom in the Dunton Shield by the end of the Christmas Term. This lapse was due, unfortunately, not to a particular lack of plus points, but to small groups of boys who appeared to be trying to surpass each other in the gaining of minus points. It is heartening to see that this situation has been much less apparent during the spring.

The only inter-House competition in the Christmas term was the Upper School Boxing. In past years Russells have failed in this owing to a lack of enthusiasm, but this time, with quite a reasonable entry, we were unlucky to have only one win from our eight finalists. The Lower School did better this term to gain third place.

In this term's Rugby competitions, we were knocked out in our first match every time. We were particularly unlucky in the Sevens to be badly hit by previous injuries and the demands of School activities. The Junior XV put up a courageous show, under M. W. R. Steele, with four players short.

We also came third in the Senior Basketball tournament. Our hopes are high for this term's Cross-Country, and for the Upper School Athletics Finals to be held early next term. In the Standards competition for the latter, Russells hold second place, only two points behind the leaders.

Lastly, I must thank Mr. Knight for his ever available assistance and advice, and also all the House officials for their keenness and support.

A House Tie has been awarded to J. R. Catford.

M. J. ROBINSON, *Captain*.

STROUTS

The most disappointing feature of Strouts House activity so far this year has been our work; it is really quite inexcusable that we should fall behind all the other Houses here, as our potential talent is by no means below average. The Lower School has been less guilty in this respect than the Upper, and this at least augurs well for the future.

In sporting events, also, the Lower School and the Juniors (mainly Fourth Formers) have distinguished themselves, attaining second position in their Boxing Competition and losing a hard-fought Junior Rugby final to Joblings. Unfortunately, the senior Rugby team, though courageous, was again too weak, and the Upper School, despite a fairly good entry, only managed to gain fifth position in the Boxing Competition.

Considerably fewer points have been lost by members of the House for bad conduct this year than previously; if this improvement is maintained, and the as yet junior sections of the House continue their excellent efforts, Strouts has a bright future ahead.

I am grateful to A. J. Fewkes, the Vice-Captain, and M. D. Sykes, the recorder, for their hard work in House affairs, also to M. S. White, for organising several House sports teams; and, of course, to Mr. Pask, who never allows us to bury our concern for the house beneath the welter of all our other school activities, and who, in addition, helped very ably to entertain us at the House Party last term.

P. M. OPPENHEIMER, *Captain*.

House Competitions 1955-56

MARCH, 1956

UPPER SCHOOL WORK AND CONDUCT SHIELD

HENDERSONS	1369 points	RUSSELLS	977 points
CALVERTS	1173 „	MEADOWS	932 „
STROUTS	1041 „	JOBLINGS	823 „

CROSSMAN SHIELD (ALL SPORT)

CALVERTS	64 points	MEADOWS	37 points
JOBLINGS	57 „	STROUTS	34 „
HENDERSONS	45 „	RUSSELLS	9 „

DUNTON SHIELD (UPPER AND LOWER SCHOOL WORK AND SPORT)

CALVERTS	768 points	STROUTS	632 points
MEADOWS	687 „	JOBLINGS	626 „
HENDERSONS	667 „	RUSSELLS	538 „

P. M. OPPENHEIMER, *School Recorder*.

School Library Notes

The library has been used by many more boys this year than last, and more books have been borrowed. This is partly due to increased tidiness and a poster campaign in subject rooms, but more to a new efficiency, developed through the thorough reorganisation carried out in the Autumn Term.

In place of the card index, by which checks on books, renewals, and reservations were almost impossible, there was substituted a two file system with none of these failings. Rules for library users and instructions for librarians were drafted. A large number of librarians were recruited, not only to give as many as possible the opportunity for responsibility and service, but also to ensure individual attention for every section of the library. Shelves were labelled, all books recatalogued, and lists of books to be acquired were compiled.

Thus, new books, as varied as Hunt's "Marxism Past and Present" and Graham Greene's "Quiet American," are being continually added to every part of the library (last year over one hundred books were bought) and it is especially planned to modernize the Economics and Geography sections, so that they may be able to equal at least in quality, the History and Literature sections, both of which compete well with public libraries.

In connection with accessions, I should like to thank all those who, on leaving school, continued the custom of presenting books to the library, and also Mr. and Mrs. Palmer for their gift in memory of their son. Thanks are also due to my predecessor, J. D. Fox, for his most efficient administration last year and his enthusiastic advice last term; to J. Hoare, who completed long service by great assistance in the reorganization scheme; and finally to all those librarians, too numerous to be individually praised, who have helped to make the library such a success.

The following have served as Librarians:

Heppner, Saville, Bankroft, Tarlow, Sluce, Stark, Stoddard, Dorner, Pearson, Sebba, Szmidla, Hoare; newly appointed: Sanders, Forbes, Kelton, Lock, R. F. Leverton. The following have served as assistant librarians: C. C. Gray, J. Rose, Antrobus, Readman, Robinson, Painter, D. Mercer, R. P. Landsdell, Hitchcock.

B. R. LINCOLN, *School Librarian*.

Melchsee-Frutt

Melchsee-Frutt—a name to evoke the happiest of memories for the sixteen members of our party: memories of a small village set in a beautiful valley in the mountains, of wonderful sunny weather,

of the warm hospitality of the Swiss, and, above all, of the thrilling feeling of gliding swiftly through the crisp, glistening snow. . . .

The journey, up 2,700 feet to Melchsee-Frutt, was by a mode of transport new to us—the cable-car. This provided a most exciting and enjoyable experience, though unfortunately we ran into mist on the last stage. And so we arrived at the Kurhaus Frutt, at about two o'clock, tired, but still able to do full justice to the excellent lunch set before us.

The following morning we were introduced to our instructress, Stephanie Reinhard, a young girl of eighteen, who proceeded to demonstrate the elementary movements of skiing with skill and grace. Despite numerous falls we soon began to acquire the technique, and before long were able to attempt more difficult manoeuvres. Each morning and afternoon, when instruction was over, we tried a little jumping and attempted Christianias. These provided a source of endless amusement as they resulted in a greater number of falls than usual.

By now the weather was wonderful, as it was to be every day except the last, with the sun shining down out of a cloudless sky. The mornings were warm and we were able to ski in shirt sleeves, but the afternoons were cooler, as the sun sank behind the mountains.

The evenings we spent playing cards or chess, reading, writing home, dancing, or listening to the hotel pianist. The waitress in the lounge, Gretel, was extremely pleasant and spoke perfect English, so that we were able to put continuous questions to her about Melchsee and Switzerland in general.

On Friday afternoon, after we had spent the morning practising on some very pleasant slopes, Stephanie took us up the ski-lift. Two people hang on to a T-bar and are pulled up the slope; if either loses balance, it usually results in both falling off. The runs down were most enjoyable, and provided the usual quota of spills and consequent laughter; and on Saturday I collided with Stephanie and knocked her over in the snow—her first fall for many years!

Unfortunately, Saturday was the last day on which we were to have Stephanie with us, since on Sunday she had to return to school in Zurich; so, in the evening we went down to the Hotel Reinhard to celebrate her departure.

On Sunday morning we welcomed our new instructor, Max, ("You put your ski zo, huh!"), who in the afternoon took us up to the top of the ski-lift. This time it was Owen's turn to fall off, with Major Hewson, and they had a hard climb the rest of the way. At the summit we found a magnificent view of the frozen lake below.

By now the clouds had started to appear; the following afternoon the sky was covered and snow seemed imminent. The wind was strong and very cold, and under these conditions we took the test for the Bronze Medal of the Swiss Ski Club. Cann, Hodges and Holland had passed previously, and Owen unfortunately hurt his ankle and had to retire, but the rest of us completed and passed the test. Max presented us with our medals in the evening.

On Tuesday the clouds had gone, but we had reached the end of our holiday. After lunch we said our farewells, and took the cable-car down to Stockalp; thence by bus and train to Sarnen, Luzern and Basel, where we had our last meal in Switzerland.

To conclude, I should like, on behalf of the party, to express our thanks to Major Hewson for organizing the holiday and for looking after us so ably; I only hope he will be able to lead many more trips as successful as this one.

N. A. P.

Lignes Scripto

UT DONUM QUI BELLOC OPPUGNARET DEFENDETUR

I laud that learned Oxford Don
Who dared attack your Chesterton.
That Don who, quite disdainng sword,
Attacked him with the written word.
Don wise, Don kind, Don intellectual,
Don refined and Don effectual.
Don succinct, Don conscientious,
Don moral, never Don licentious.
Don aesthetic, Don tenacious,
Don effervescent, Don vivacious.
Don tactful, Don quite euphemistic,
Don with tongue so euphonistic.
Don sublime and Don immutable,
Don profound and Don inscrutable.
Don sober, sage and Don inimitable,
Don undefiled, and Don illimitable.
O worthy Don, sincerity who bound
To censure where unworthiness he found.
No grudge against your Chesterton he bore;
His attack was justified. No more
Write lines against the Oxford Don,
Who dared attack your Chesterton.

J. R. P.

Art Room

As an experiment, we should like to claim your attention for a brief critique of the work of one of our most interesting artists, A. Szmidla, of VI Science.

Let us say in commencement that his art is in several respects far more accomplished than most of that produced in the school art room. For that reason we shall attempt to criticise it by 'extra-school' standards.

Szmidla confines himself to water colours, guache paintings and pen and ink drawings, with or without a wash. He seldom produces pictures 'large in scale,' that is in size, or in the expenditure of time or energy. This may in part be due to impatience, but more, it would seem, because his talent does not lie in that direction so much as in the rapid and economical expression of an idea or depiction

of a scene. Szmidla has the gift of capturing, after a moment's careful study, the essence of a likeness of someone's face, or pose, or mood. He also has a faculty for expressing his feelings and thoughts in more abstract drawings. Perhaps here there is a link with another of his interests—psychology.

One of the outstanding qualities we see in his work is a delicate, suggestive, yet vigorous, line. His colours, which are sensitive and, on the whole, completely naturalistic, are subordinate in interest to line and composition. The latter, though well developed and usually effective, tends occasionally towards the theatrical. His choice or treatment of a subject also sometimes betrays a similar weakness. In his paintings of 'Galleons at Sunset' or 'Spanish Dancers,' for example, the 'chocolate-boxy' quality often predominates.

Szmidla has been responsible for the sets of several recent stage productions at school, and we see some of his best work in the studies for these. Often more fantastic than practical, they are all evidence of a powerful imagination, a vigorous treatment of unlimited ideas. There is a definite zest for originality and excitement.

But, when we turn to his more studied pictures, spontaneity often gives way to pedantry. In a work that is not the expression of an intellectual idea, we even sometimes detect an element of false sentiment, of insincerity.

Szmidla's art is notable for its wide variety and range of techniques. These are usually well controlled and the results graphically successful. But here again it would not be unfair to criticise a weakness. Though progressively broadening his range of styles, he has not yet entirely synthesised the numerous influences into a personal idiom. With some exceptions his pictures tend to invite the exclamation—"Ah Turner!" or "Degas!" or "Seurat!" or "Sutherland!" or even "Picasso, Guernica period!"

These adverse criticisms are of qualities which are bound to appear in a young artist to some extent. They should not be allowed to detract from our appreciation of the imagination and technical ability displayed in Szmidla's pictures, some examples of which are reproduced in this issue of "THE SKYLARK." D. R. P.

Lower School Notes

LOWER SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1955-56

Captain: P. G. INCHLEY.
Vice-Captain: D. BAKER.
Recorder: L. CHIN.

Junior House Captains:

Calverts:	M. J. APPLEBY	Meadows:	R. W. HULLCOOP
Hendersons:	M. J. RITCHIE	Russells:	D. J. FELTON
Joblings:	P. G. INCHLEY	Strouts:	S. H. MORGAN

'No news is good news'—so all is well, for few events of special significance are to be recorded—but the day-to-day life of the Lower School goes on. We are approximately 260 strong, including 130 who joined us last September. Daily the majority arrive early

(some too early); some arrive late—with such good reasons! Periods come and go: some popular, others not. Property is lost, and property recovered—more would be recovered if the rule about marking with the owner's name were more conscientiously followed. A few get detentions; too many are getting lines for 'T.I.P.'

Generally fine weather in the Autumn brought little interruption to Rugby, but hard weather in the Spring cancelled this advantage. The Under 13 XV, captained by E. Shuttleworth, had a pleasant, though not very successful season; at various times the following played: N. G. Allen, Appleby, Boseley, Breen, Burt, Chin, Curling, D. J. Felton, Hullcoop, G. H. King, Lane, Morgan, Packman, Wale, J. A. Williams, M. R. Williams. Boxing classes were keenly attended, especially in the first year; and a lively House Competition resulted in a victory for Calverts, with Strouts as runners-up.

Points scored were:—

C, 42; S, 37; R, 33; H, 22; M, 22; J, 18

In enjoyable contests with the Preparatory School, the Second Forms drew in Boxing, and lost the Soccer.

Societies met regularly; and special mention should be made of the work of Chin and Tarlow for the Chess, Sheldon and Barratt for the Natural History, Medcalf for the Stamp and Coin Society, and Hodgson, Sober, and Tarlow in Printing. Many boys are receiving instruction in music, both vocal and instrumental; and a good deal of promising talent appeared in the various form concerts held in the Spring Term.

Meadows won the Work and Conduct Shield for the Autumn Term, and Russells for the Spring. The points position to date is as follows:— (points per head):—

	C	H	J	M	R	S
Autumn	14.2	10.9	13.6	18.8	12.2	17.8
Spring	15.5	10.0	14.2	18.0	20.2	14.6
Total	29.7	20.9	27.8	36.8	32.4	32.2

The following are congratulated for earning 100 or more House points in a term for good work:—

Autumn: 100; A. S. Hodgson (h, 3), I. F. Archbold (m, 2);
Spring 130: L Chin (r, 3); 100: D. K. Elstein (m, 2).

In detentions, Joblings had the best record in Autumn, Meadows in Spring. By forms, 2¹⁰ scored none in Autumn, and only one in Spring. In both terms, Russells, and 2⁸ were the most punctual. School Charity collections totalled:

Autumn: £27.14.0 (3⁶: £8.5.0, collector L. Chin).
Spring: £17.14.0 (3⁶: £4.0.8, collector L. Chin).

Fifteen members of the Lower School are joining the party which will stay in Spain, on the Costa Brava, in the summer holiday.

J. F. C.

LOWER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

At the beginning of the School Year L. Chin was elected Secretary of the Club and J. Tarlow Vice-Secretary.

During the Autumn Term a competition was held under the Swiss System;—the only system we could think of that would cope with the seventy or so members of the Club. J. Tarlow won the competition, with L. Chin one point behind.

A match was arranged with the City of London School, but was cancelled at the last moment, because of a "House Tea" that was to be held on the same evening.

Five members of the Club entered the Junior Section of the London Boys' Chess Congress, during the Christmas holidays. They were L. Chin, who finished with 6 points, J. Tarlow with 5 points, G. E. Rees also with 5 points, P. J. Fellner with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points, and A. C. Moore with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points.

We would like to thank very much Mr. Welbourne for his interest in the Club, for without him there would be no Lower School Chess Club about which to write!

L. CHIN, *Secretary*.

LOWER SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On the whole the attendances during the Autumn Term were not what one might call up to standard, the lowest being 13, but during the Spring Term we were very pleased to see many new faces, and, just lately the attendances have been excellent. The highest was 49.

During the two terms the following addresses have been made:

R. Porta	—"Giants and Midgets of the Amazon Basin"
	—"Rearing Chimpanzees"
C. Barratt	—"Birds' Eggs"
	—"Tits, Finches and Wagtails"
M. Winney	—"Fossils"
D. M. Jelley	—"Budgerigars"
P. E. Sheldon	—"Freshwater Fish"
	—"Freshwater Fishing Tackle"
J. R. Hewson	—"Reptiles"
D. A. Orton	—"Cats"
R. J. Pascall	—"Meteorology"
C. J. Eyles	—"British Butterflies"

Both the Secretary and I would, on behalf of the members of the Society, like to thank our President, Mr. Cooper, who, on numerous occasions has acquired some very interesting films. We also thank him for the way in which he has backed up, and taken such a keen interest in, our various meetings.

C. BARRATT, *Secretary*.

Combined Cadet Force

Strength: September, 1955: Cadets 355, Officers 13.

BASIC SECTION

C.S.M. Curtis; Sgts. Mercer, Robinson, Wesson.

A modification of the age of entry into the C.C.F. resulted in only two of the forms newly admitted to the Upper School being eligible to join the Corps. It is pleasing to record that without exception every boy in these forms joined the Basic Section, thus forming three new platoons.

Elementary training has occupied the first two terms during which, besides preparing for the Certificate 'A' examination, all recruits have fired on the range, some having already reached Marksman standard. All cadets should be sufficiently well trained to take Part I of the Certificate 'A' examination in the Summer Term.

ARMY SECTION

C.S.M. Oppenheimer; Sgts. Alford, Goldman, Hudson, Loh, Ogden, Parker, Weston, White.

Two Certificate 'A' Boards have been held since September, and in both examinations, in spite of the recently raised standard of marking, all candidates passed.

The Signals platoon has reached a high standard of efficiency under Lt. Sexton and Sgt. Weston, the following having passed the Assistant Instructors examination: Sgt. Weston, L/Cpls. Cole, Glass, Godfrey, Shaw, Shewry, Smith, Usiskin. A classification test for the remainder of the platoon will take place in the summer term.

The following cadets have attended courses:

Drill Course: Cpl. Evans, L/Cpls. Barnes, Fairweather, Harrington, G., Harrington, P., Hay, Johnson, Winney, Cadet Leil.

Automobile Engineering: L/Cpls. Hay, Winney, (both awarded Certificate 'T').

Junior Leaders: L/Cpls. Barnes, Porter.

Armourers: Cadets Lawson, Peterken, Valentine.

Railway Operating: L/Cpl. Winney.

C.C.F. Leadership Course: L/Cpls. Cann, Healey.

R.A.F. SECTION

W.O. Hingley; F/Sgts. Arnold, Sykes, Webster.

Training for the 'Proficiency' and 'Advanced Training' examinations led to excellent results in the December examination. Of the 12 candidates for the 'Proficiency' examination, all passed, four with credit. In the 'Advanced Training' examination 17 out of the 18 candidates passed, Cadet Dorman obtaining a Distinguished Pass and 9 Cadets obtaining Credits.

Field days were held at the R.A.F. Halton and at the Vickers Works at Weybridge. At the latter an interesting afternoon was spent seeing the stages of construction of a modern bomber, and the

latest techniques for dealing with light alloys used in aircraft construction.

Promotions: To F/Sgt. Cpl. Webster.
To Cpl. Cadets Barber, Langmead.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

P.O.'s Baker, Berkeley, Fewkes.

16 new entrants in September brought the strength of the Section to 35. The whole day exercise in October was held at Portsmouth. In March the Port Watch received instruction in helmsmanship, navigation and sailing, while the Starboard Watch visited R.N. establishments at Chatham.

Passed Proficiency Test, Part I: Bustard, Harris, Scofield.

Passed Proficiency Test, Part II: Baker, Berkeley, Croft, Drewry, Fewkes, Ives, Sluce, Stewart.

The following have attended courses:

Quartermaster: Baker, Berkeley, Ives.

Gunnery: Baker, Stout, Whittam.

Air: Scofield, Willmott.

Promotions: To P.O. L/S. Berkeley, Fewkes.

To L/S. A.B. Croft, Ives, Sluce, Stewart.

To A.B. O.S. Briggs, Creed, Garrod, Hamilton, Harrison, Hart, Turner, Willmott.

Special Service Unit

The term has been very successful, and activity has followed the familiar pattern. A group led by B. W. Nash has given valuable service at Manor House Hospital each week, and also during the holidays, and their service has been appreciated by the hospital authorities. The First Aid Course for the Elementary Certificate has been completed, and all but two were successful.

Other service groups have worked in the School Press, the garden and the workshop, and fitness sessions have been held.

On Field Day we made an expedition in the Chilterns near High Wycombe.

Successful First Aid Candidates:—Ohrenstein, Laventure, Cornwall-Smith, Elstein, Roberts, Marinker, Sartain, Antrobus, Swaminathan, Gordon, Perkins, Littlewood.

Increase in Strength: Pinnells, Stoddard, Stephens, Pringle, Antrobus, Searby, MacNeil, Bayston, Segal, Handscombe, Wilby.

J. W. D.

“ Loss of the Altair ”

No piece of metal fell away;
Over her wings no lightning flashed;
But near the end of day
The Altair crashed.

No one knew the cause of it,
But long before the 'plane could land,
Some dreadful thing occurred;
She hit the sand.

The Altair crashed in desert waste;
She may have hit a bird;
To prove the truth, or lie,
No voice was heard.

The experts say the sun's vast heat
Caused this disaster great:
To save those valued lives
T'was far too late.

D. J. H.

Aero Club

At the beginning of the Autumn Term the Aero Club changed hands, G. Salmon becoming Honorary Secretary, and K. Hill Treasurer, with D. C. Baber Esq. remaining as President.

The Club met every Thursday in the Autumn Term and eleven films were shown, the most interesting one being "Powered Flight." This film gave a brief summary of the first fifty years of aviation, and included such shots as the first flight of the Wright Brothers, and the explosion of the "Hindenburg." In the Spring Term the meetings continued with the showing of a further eight films, but as a change W. G. Rushworth gave an interesting, illustrated talk on the Beau-fighter.

The first outing in the history of the Club took place on Monday February 20th, when a party of eighteen visited Handley Page Ltd. At Cricklewood the manufacture of the Victor was inspected, and on arrival at Radlett the party was presented with a very welcome tea. A number of Hastings were then inspected, and, finally, the only two Victor bombers that are completed were examined. The trip was well worth while and will probably be repeated next year.

Plans for the future include a visit to London Airport in the Easter Holidays; a visit to Vickers Armstrongs next term; and a further programme of films and talks.

The success of the Club can be calculated from the fact that there are over fifty members, which compares favourably with other School Societies.

We are indebted to Shell Mex and B.P. Ltd., and the United States Information Service for the loan of films; R. Hesselberger for operating the projector and obtaining some of the films; Mr. Payne for allowing us to use the Physics Lecture Theatre; and Mr. Baber for his active interest in the Club.

G. SALMON, *Secretary*.

Christian Union

Once again the Union can look back on the last two term's progress with satisfaction, for during this period we have made every effort to expand our programme.

A Christian Union Library, which is open to all boys, now exists and contains a number of helpful books on Christian topics. There is also a Scripture Union group within the Union, encouraging boys to set aside a regular time to studying the Bible.

In the Autumn term an open meeting, at which the Rev. K. Prior spoke, was held. This was succeeded in the Spring term by a Social at which Mr. F. Roy Cattell gave the closing address. At both these meetings many boys began to think seriously for the first time about the claims of Jesus Christ.

Our Monday lunch-hour meetings have been well attended and a wide variety of speakers has offered much help in practical issues of the Christian life. These included a fine talk by Professor Colin Kerr on Christian certainty, and a challenging address by Mr. George Hogg of the London City Mission on his work as a missionary in the heart of the capital. We would once more remind all boys that they are always welcome at these informal lunch-hour sessions.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Delight for his continual support and encouragement, Mr. Pask for the use of his room, and all who have assisted in fulfilling the aim of our Union—that we “might walk worthy of the Lord . . . increasing in the knowledge of God.”

C. R. TRELEAVEN, J. G. WESSON,
Joint Secretaries.

“The Christmas Islanders”

This year the Society has turned from the study of individual literary works to the consideration of a wider range of allied matters. Early in the Autumn term, Mr Barling gave to a large audience a convincing and lucid critical exposition of Marxism. Two weeks later L. Brittan successfully condensed and simplified a large subject in presenting the main aims and achievements in English literary criticism since Pater. At the next meeting Mr. Sexton expressed some dissatisfaction with modern History teaching methods, and advocated a system based on the study of literature, current affairs, and particular localities. On November 17th, Mr. Philip Pouncey, from the Prints and Drawings Department of the British Museum, gave to a rather disappointing audience an amply illustrated informal lecture on some aspects in the appreciation of Art. Members' Night, postponed to the beginning of the Spring Term was, as always, a great success with contributions from D. R. Pearce, S. P. R. Rose, D. Goldman, and I. Ebel.

On February 9th the Society heard Dr. Taylor give an account of the first hundred years of Greek Philosophy and learned much that was of interest from this rather neglected field. At the last meeting

to date a paper by Mr. Rouse on the subject of the unfortunate predicament of modern poetry drew the largest attendance of the year and provoked a vigorous and informative discussion.

Despite the fact that the Society has flourished this year, it is somewhat disturbing to note that the enthusiasm and willingness of members of the staff in preparing and offering lectures has resulted in a certain diffidence among the less experienced members towards presenting efforts of their own. But perhaps a return to a more limited policy will help in this matter.

The Society's thanks are due to those who have prepared lectures, to Mr. Nicholas for his regular interest and patronage, and to L. Sebba the assistant secretary.

P. J. STODDARD,
Secretary.

Debating Society

The ancient society having perished through paralysis of the brain, Mr. Rose took it upon himself to form a new one. At the inaugural meeting Mr. Hoare was elected chairman and Mr. Rose secretary. A committee of five hammered out a new constitution, and, backed by a vigorous advertising campaign, the Society began to prosper. A series of lunch-hour meetings boosted attendance to an all-time record in the eighties (including certain undesirably rowdy juveniles). In the spring term Mr. Oppenheimer replaced Mr. Hoare as chairman, meetings were held mainly in the evenings, and attendance dropped to a more manageable figure.

As to speakers a less happy picture must be painted; most of the debating has been done by a relatively small number of members, and the general standard has not been remarkably high. Outstanding, however, has been the indefatigably urbane Mr. Brittan; other leading speakers have been Messrs. Goldman, Kustow, Egan, Gray and Pinnells. The secretary has also, on occasion, spoken. The Fifth Form was conspicuous by its absence, but such enthusiastic Fourth Formers as Messrs. Birch, Fried, Greystoke, Kahn and Rodgers were welcomed; those who came merely to hear Mr. Kustow and others expound on the facts of life were not.

As for motions, we have approved of press prying, American colonies, honest millionaires, live goons, World Government, ourselves, young women, Vox Populi, Teddy-boys, saucers, Men in the Moon and Kings; censured the prefects, regretted military training in schools and been sickened by Tory Foreign policy. We have been to N.L.C.S. and Royal Masonic, and City of London has come to us. To end the term we have had a joint meeting with "The Christmas Islanders," when Major Rose talked on "Soap Box Oratory."

Our thanks to Mr. White for patient patronage.

S. P. R. ROSE.
Secretary.

The Jazz Club

The meetings of the Jazz Club have been both infrequent and irregular during the last two terms. One of the main reasons for this is the fact that the time available to school societies in the lunch-break was curtailed to approximately half an hour. This makes it impossible to present a complete programme on any one band or instrumentalist in particular, or indeed, to listen to both sides of a long-playing record. Another unfortunate event occurred when we lost the extremely useful services of Vacher and Pankhurst, whose contributions of records had proved invaluable during the previous year.

It is hoped to rectify the present unsettled state of affairs next term, when, with regular meetings and more enthusiastic support, the Club might achieve once again its former popularity.

Of the meetings that have been held since the beginning of the Autumn Term, all but one have consisted of general record sessions in which the work of some of the more famous traditional jazz musicians has been presented in part.

The notable exception was when we heard one side of a long-playing record made by Humphrey Lyttelton and his band. Recorded at a concert, this record amply demonstrated the virtuosity of Britain's foremost traditional jazz band leader, and was of interest to all who attended the meeting.

Plans for the future include a study of the lives of some of the better known personalities in traditional jazz, and perhaps an occasional visit to a concert to hear "live" performances by British bands of today.

Finally I should like to express my thanks to all members who have supported the club.

J. C. PORTER, *Secretary*.

Motor Enthusiasts' Club

Pursuing the policy of showing its members only the highest quality films, the M.E.C. has met regularly every Monday. This has resulted in some really good films being shown, many in colour. During the past two terms the club has shown a total of twenty-three films, nine in colour, a total unsurpassed by any other club, and it is planned to continue this programme for the summer.

The highlight of the Spring Term was the showing of the film "Le Mans 1955," which has previously been shown on B.B.C. Television. The photography in this film was excellent, especially that of the tragic crash. Many of the colour films dealt with international rallies and the breathtaking background scenery of mountains and lakes showed just a few of the many pleasant moments that can be spent motoring.

That our policy of showing only the best films was appreciated by our members was shown by the fact that our membership rose to over a hundred.



FIRST XV

Photo by Westwood & Nokes, Kingsbury.

Standing: A. S. HUDSON, L. J. CLARK, J. G. WESSON, P. J. EGAN, J. R. PARKER, M. J. SANDERS, B. M.

SHAW, J. S. MERIAR, M. R. HUNT.

Seated:

M. S. WHITE, D. GOLDMAN, A. I. MILLER, R. G. MANN (*Captain*), M. J. ROBINSON, N. D. GEER,

H. G. PURCHES, G. N. CHARLESWORTH, R. F. LEVERTON.



Photos by G. C. Goodman

INTER-HOUSE RUGBY

FINAL: CALVERTS *v.* JOBLINGS

During the Spring Term the club arranged an outing to a B.A.R.C. Members Sports Car Meeting at Goodwood, on March 17th. We are very grateful to Mr. Morgan, Secretary of the British Automobile Racing Club, for so kindly supplying us with tickets. The club also arranged an outing to an Owen Racing Motor Association Film Show and talk at Kensington Town Hall.

We are indebted to the following companies for so kindly lending us films: Castrol Ltd., Dunlop Ltd., Rootes Group Ltd., and Shell Mex & B.P. Ltd. Also I should like to thank Mr. R. Keevil who has continued to act as our President; C. M. Cummins for keeping our noticeboard supplied with information; and last, but certainly not least, Mr. H. G. Payne for letting us use the Physics Lecture Theatre and for enduring the various sounds connected with Motor Racing.

R. HESSELBERGER, *Secretary*.

Natural History Society

The past two terms have been very successful. Although the indoor meetings have not been numerous, they have been very interesting and well supported.

During the Christmas Term, field meetings were held at Barn Elms, Brent, and North Kent. The main meeting during the Spring Term was again held at Blackwater on the Essex coast. Several hundred Brent Geese, Red-breasted Mergansers, Scaup, two Hen Harriers and numerous species of waders were observed.

The cold arctic weather which we have experienced this term may have hindered some societies, but it was very profitable for the keen ornithological members of the Natural History Society. Numerous visits to Brent Reservoir were made by several members, and among the interesting species seen were a Velvet Scoter, a Bewick's Swan, Red-breasted Megansers, Goldeneye, and a drake Scaup.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Goater, who has ably supported us both at the outdoor and indoor meetings.

D. W. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

Photographic Society

Once again the name of this much-maligned organisation has been changed. I hope it will suit the requirements of all our members. This term has been full and extremely successful, with lectures by the Headmaster, Mr. Beynon and Mr. Rouse, in addition to many others. Colour seems to exert a fascination over the whole school, and on those occasions on which we welcome a lecturer with some colour slides to show the attendance rises from the usual dozen to some thirty or forty.

My thanks are due to Sartain and Goodman for their hard work, especially at the end of term.

Nor could we, of course, have carried on our activities without Mr. Rouse, and to him we are extremely grateful.

J. H. ROSE, *Secretary*.

Sociological Society and C.E.W.C.

In the Autumn Term, Mr. Crossman gave a most interesting talk on his work as a Justice of the Peace, giving particular attention to the more humorous side of his work. In addition, visits have been made this term to the City of London Police, and to the House of Commons, where housing subsidies were being discussed.

The C.E.W.C. has again been active in the School. We have continued to provide stewards and projectionists at the Autumn and Spring Junior Conferences, and at the Christmas Holiday Lectures, which were particularly interesting. The N. W. London Schools Discussion Group held a debate on Capital Punishment at Orange Hill School in the Autumn.

This term we arranged a social at Highgate School—which was enjoyed by everybody who went—and in March, Dr. Taylor addressed a large audience, composed of several schools, on his experiences in Eastern Germany. This was warmly appreciated, and many searching questions were asked.

In conclusion, I should like both to welcome Mr. Willat to the Group, and to thank him for the valuable assistance he has rendered us.

G. OGDEN, *Secretary*.

Science Society

The Society aims to give its members information about careers and scientific topics that lie outside the normal school syllabuses.

Mr. A. H. Brown told us, in his usual clear and interesting manner, about the four years he spent at Oxford University. He spoke of the various clubs and societies which invited him to join, and of his reactions to the examinations and to the various lecturers.

B. W. Nash gave a talk on water supply. He expounded on the various sources of water, and stated how water is collected, purified and supplied to buildings. He also mentioned heating systems in houses and discussed corrosion.

Mr. A. G. Allen, the Senior Dental Consultant at the London Hospital Dental School, gave a very interesting talk about teeth and the work and training of dentists. With the aid of slides he pointed out the important features of teeth and their development.

Mr. J. P. Freyne from the General Electric Co. Ltd. spoke about careers in the electrical industry and the methods of entry. A film about electrical engineering was shown a few days later.

We were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Mr. Cooper to an excellent talk on the geology of the Lincolnshire coast, given by Professor Swinnerton. He indicated points of interest and the geological structure of the area, showing slides of pottery and of a skeleton discovered there.

Two films were shown at the last meeting in the term. The first explained the nature and the formation of polarised light and the

second described how the dye, Monastral blue, was discovered and analysed.

I should like to express my appreciation of all that Dr. White, our able chairman, has done for the Society. I also wish to thank our President, Mr. Payne, and our treasurer, C. G. Hingley, for their help, and all the science masters and members for their support.

B. W. NASH, *Secretary*.

The Armada

Onward o'er the stormy brine,
Onward in resplendent might,
Sails that Spanish fleet so fine,
Ready girded for the fight.

Onward o'er the raging sea
Sail the galleons, many score,
Spread to windward and to lee;
Onward, to that distant shore,

Through all England beacons flare,
Horsemen gallop through the night,
Speeding tidings here and there,
"Hark! The Spanish heave in sight."

Comes the news to Francis Drake,
Playing there upon the Hoe.
"Lord, now England lies at stake,
Think thou not that we should go?"

"You shall have your fill of war,"
Answered Drake, "and also fame.
Yet have I but two bowls more;
We shall finish off the game."

Saying this he turns once more,
Bending yet again to play.
Then, at once, the cannons roar!
Whistling shot screams o'er the bay.

Drake arises with a cry,
"To the ships, and set all sail!
'Neath the waves those Dons will lie
When we've hurled our leaden hail."

So to meet the Spanish might
Go those few courageous men.
In their tiny fleet they'll fight
Galleons huge, six score and ten.

Into battle, spitting flame
Sails "Revenge", a fiery steed,
Set to kill, destroy and maim.
"Gainst the forest goes the reed."

Massive ships on every side
Hurling fiery death at them,
Whilst the raging wind and tide
Fling great waves against their stem.

Still the English ships fight on,
Smashing down the Spaniard's mast;
Never yielding to the Don;
Fighting on until the last.

Now the Spaniards' state grows grim
As their men, disheartened, tire.
Soon the light begins to dim;
Drake then sends in ships of fire.

Now the Spanish turn to flee
From that holocaust of flame.
Many sink beneath the sea,
Ne'er returning whence they came.

Galleons sink and galleons burn,
Washed by sea and purged by fire.
English seamen, sickened, turn
From that final blazing pyre.

So the many galleons proud,
O'er the sea from distant Spain,
By the English few were cowed;
Limped, defeated, home again.

N.D.W.

Preparatory School Notes

In September the customary number of new boys arrived, and very soon settled down. The principal events of the term came mainly towards the end. The Carol Service on December 9th was again held at John Keble Church, and we were deeply indebted to the Rev. E. W. T. Motley for allowing us its use, and for his own participation in the service. Miss Lear and Miss Wozencroft are to be congratulated on an impressive service, which was attended by the Headmaster and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Cooper, the School Chaplain, and by Mr. Beynon, who added greatly to our enjoyment by his solo singing. J. S. Hack was our own soloist, and C. C. Bartlett played the organ, as he has done at every Preparatory School Carol Service

since 1951. One of our readers, A. P. C. Allen, read the first lesson at the Upper School Carol Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on December 15th.

On December 7th, the football XIs attended the Oxford and Cambridge soccer match at Wembley. The customary Christmas party was held on December 14th, and ran entirely to tradition in that the tea, prepared by Miss Links and her staff, was excellent; the games and decorations, arranged by the staff, were much enjoyed; and the film projector, worked by Mr. Ollett, broke down. (No reflection on Mr. Ollett!)

The beginning of the Spring Term was disturbed by the news of Mr. Ollett's illness which necessitated a serious operation, and his absence from the school throughout term. We are delighted that he has made an excellent recovery, and we are most grateful to his wife and to Mr. Mitchell for all the extra work that they have cheerfully shouldered. The very cold weather in the middle of the term did not make things any easier. It did not, however, interfere with the usual series of entrance examinations and interviews which occupied much of the early part of the term. More recent examination news includes the excellent results achieved in the Lower School entrance examination, with 37 out of 38 Prep. School boys passing.

On February 15th, Mr. Beynon very kindly visited us again, to give a most interesting talk on his experiences as an exchange teacher in America, illustrated by some excellent film strips. On March 15th the customary annual Parents' meeting was held. Throughout both Christmas and Spring terms, a full programme of out-of-school activities has been organised by members of the staff, including such varied occupations as table tennis, chess, crafts, dramatics, meccano, model ships and aircraft, and a model railway which Dr. Taylor very kindly designed and constructed. A flourishing nature society owes much of its success to the possession of a magnificent microscope, most generously presented by Mr. and Mrs. Valdar. Many of our interests and activities owe much to parental generosity; the Library in particular has expanded very greatly during the past year.

Finally we are glad to report that once again we have a good games record. The football XI, under P. T. Brown, has won nine out of eleven matches, an excellent record, and the 2nd XI has also won all three of its matches. Much credit for this must go to Brown himself as the most brilliant goalkeeper we have ever had, or indeed are likely to have, to Hakes, the vice-captain and left-half, and to Sorrell who has played exceedingly well at outside-left. Both teams have played with any amount of zest, and with five of the 1st XI and eight of the 2nd XI available next season, future prospects are encouraging. Football colours have been reawarded to P. T. Brown, and awarded to R. B. Hakes, M. S. Sorrell, P. D. Thomas, R. M. Harris, K. W. Burt, N. J. R. Antrobus and M. D. Ohrenstein.

The full results are as follows:—

FIRST XI

October 14th	v.	Dulwich College Prep. School (H)	Lost	0—3
October 26th	v.	Belmont School (A)	Won	4—2
October 28th	v.	Lochinver House School (H)	Won	11—5
November 16th	v.	Shirley House School (A)	Won	2—0
November 25th	v.	Belmont School (H)	Lost	2—5
November 28th	v.	Lochinver House School (A)	Won	4—2
December 2nd	v.	Shirley House School (H)	Won	2—0
March 8th	v.	Lower School Ex-Prep.	Won	3—1
March 9th	vi	Belmont School (H)	Won	7—3
March 15th	v.	Lochinver House School (H)	Won	7—2
March 19th	v.	Belmont School (A)	Won	3—1

SECOND XI

November 30th	v.	Belmont School 2nd XI (A)	Won	4—1
March 9th	v.	Belmont School 2nd XI (H)	Won	4—1
March 16th	v.	Westcroft School 1st XI (H)	Won	4—2

1st XI. Played 11, Won 9, Drawn 0, Lost 2, Goals for 45, Against 24.

2nd XI. Played 3, Won 3, Goals for 12, Against 4.

Goalscorers: 1st XI Thomas 18, Sorrell 11, Harris 7, Ohrenstein 7, Briggs 1, own goal 1.

2nd XI Briggs 2, Evans 2, Fenn 2, Hodgson 2, Leverton 2, Green 1, McCreath 1.

The boxing team, under the captaincy of M. S. Sorrell, has again been unbeaten in its three matches. Particular mention should be made of the excellent style of Harris, who has always proved altogether too good for his opponents. Boxing colours have been reawarded to M. S. Sorrell and P. G. Newson, and awarded to R. M. Harris, P. T. Brown, D. A. Lewis, N. F. Owen, N. J. R. Antrobus, A. J. G. Brown and R. H. Briggs. The results were:—

February 6th	v.	Tiffin's School (H)	Drawn	5—5
February 23rd	v.	Lower School 1st Year (A)	Drawn	5—5
March 5th	v.	Dulwich College Prep. School (H)	Won	5—4

Matches 3, Won 1, Drawn 2.

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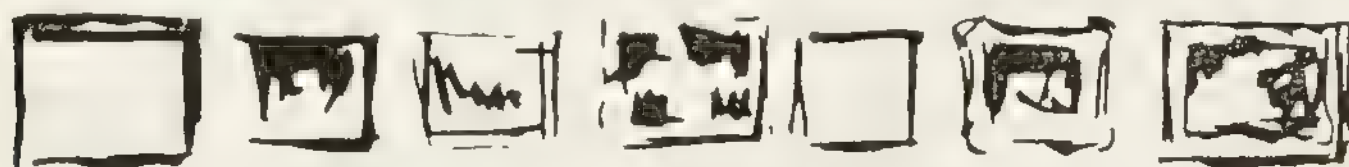
BARNES, R. A.—VI_a Mod. 1949–55. Calverts. G.C.E. “O” Level, 1954, 1955. Swimming, 1st VIII, 1954–55; Athletics, 1954–55; Basketball, 1955. C.C.F., R.A.F. Section, 1953–55; L/Cdt. Cert. “A” Part I. Proficiency, 1954. *Secretarial Career.*

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VI _b (Mod.)				Leverton, R. F.
5/18				Parris, G. P.
				Petzold, M. H.
				Rothwell, M. G.
4/16				Fried.

Our Contemporaries

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following magazines from other schools, apologising for any inadvertent omissions: Aldenhamian, Askean, Berkhamstedian, Britannia, Brightonian, City of London School Magazine, Caterham School Magazine, Copthall County Grammar School Magazine, Elizabethan, Elthamian, Elysian, Fettesian, Georgian, Gaytonian, Herioter, Laxtonian, Liverpool College Magazine, Masonian, Mill Hill School Magazine, Monmothian, N.L.C.S. Magazine, Novaportan, Pelican, Portcullis, Sulian, Taylorian, Wellingburian, “The Wish Stream” (Magazine of the R.M.C., Sandhurst), Latymerian.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 14th—CRICKET MATCHES AND LAWN TENNIS at Chase Lodge—Old Boys versus the School, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 23rd—OLD BOYS SEVENS TOURNAMENT at Croxdale Road, Boreham Wood. 1.30 p.m.—6.45 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 11th—H.O.B.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and Reunion at the School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23rd—H.O.B.C. ANNUAL DANCE at Hendon Hall Hotel, 8 p.m.—1 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1st—SCHOOL v OLD BOYS RUGBY MATCHES at Chase Lodge at 2.15.

OLD HABERDASHERS' R.F.C. ANNUAL DINNER at Hendon Hall Hotel, 7 for 7.30 p.m.

H.O.B.C. Annual Dinner

About 130 members attended the Annual Dinner, held in the School Hall on Saturday Feb. 4th. Mr. George Batchelor, the President, was in the Chair and he was ably supported by his brothers-in-law, Messrs. Adrian and Leonard Haskins. The Deputy-Master of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers replied to the traditional toast of the Company, the Court of Assistants and the School Governors, and Col. P. C. Bull, Chairman of the Governors also replied. Guest of the evening was the right Reverend the Bishop of Willesden, who entertained the company with a delightful speech. From the Head Master and the Captain of the School we heard of the School's progress to date. The Club's thanks are due to the Head Master and the School Governors for so kindly allowing this function to be held at the School.

Births

CINNAMON—On December 17th, 1955, to Joan (née Monnickendam), wife of Ellis Cinnamon—a son.

PURCELL—On November 12th, 1955, to Pauline, wife of E. T. Purcell (1938—44), a daughter (Angela Fae).

Deaths

FEESEY—On June 11th, 1955, Leonard Herbert Feesey (1880-1888). He was one of the family of six (four boys and two girls) who all attended the Hoxton School and who were destined to play a big part in the future of the School. Five out of the six won Lawn Tennis championships at the School. The elder sister was for 12 years a Mistress at the Acton Girls' School. Mr. S. H. Feesey, (1887-96) who survives, has been a member of the Old Boys' Club for 60 years. He is a Freeman and Liveryman of the City of London and had the honour of entertaining at his Company's dinner the late Mr. Hinton, Headmaster of the School, who presented him with a copy of "Stow's Survey" in appreciation.

Marriage

ELLIOTT-TOBIN—On 11th February, 1956, at Lima, Peru, T. A. A. Elliott (1930-37) to Betty, daughter of Mrs. F. H. Tobin, of Dunlaoghaire, Ireland.

Personal

ABRAHAMS B. G. (1915-23) writes from the Salisbury Southern Rhodesia where he is Hon. General Secretary of the Federal (Govt.) Party and a member of its Central Executive. He is a member of the Salisbury Immigration Advisory Committee, a member of Council and Examiner in Valuations to the S.R.

Institute of Auctioneers, Estate Agents and Valuers, and a Commissioner of Oaths. He will be happy to help any Old Boy who may be thinking of emigrating. (Salisbury is a beautiful place and a City of the future—Ed.)

ELLIOTT R. (1921-34), at the Second International Conference on Malaria held in Lagos in November 1955, read a paper on "Larvicidal Control of Peridomestic Mosquitoes," announcing new discoveries he has made. An article on the same subject, by Mr. Elliott, appears in the November issue of "Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene," of which society he has recently been elected a Fellow.

He is on six months leave, March to September, 1956, part of which he will spend in the U.S.A. on a Fellowship of the World Health Organisation of U.N.O.

Mr. Elliott was one of the first set which took Biology at the School, with Mr. Cooper in charge.

JACKMAN F. A. A director of Carless Capel and Leonard Ltd., has been appointed Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organisation for the Standardisation of Aromatic Hydrocarbons.

JOHNSTON N. W. (1918-31) left a note for the O.H.R.F.C. on their visit to Stroud. He was unable to watch the game as he is a master at Wycliffe College, and his duties entailed looking after his School's side at St. Edward's, Oxford. These duties mean travels of anything from 500 to 1,000 miles a year.

McEvoy T. N. (1915-23) has been appointed Chief of Staff, Allied Air Forces Central Europe, with the acting rank of Air Marshal. He relieves Air Vice-Marshal Fraser and this follows his assignment as R.A.F. Instructor at the Imperial Defence College. It was during his tenure of this latter appointment that T. N. McEvoy was able to fulfil his year of office as President of the Old Boys' Club, and our congratulations go to him on his promotion. It is interesting also to recall that on leaving school, T. N. McEvoy went in 1923 to Cranwell, where in 1925 he won the Sword of Honour.

SPEIRS R. J. (1941-46), Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F., has recently completed a twelve months' course of instruction as a Test Pilot at Farnborough, Hants, and has been granted the Graduation Certificate of the Empire Test Pilots School.

YOUNG J. B. (1933-40), now a Civil Engineer (B. Sc. Eng.), has presented a set of "Skylarks" to the School. Present address: 73, Gilbert House, Churchill Gdns., S.W.1.

O.H. Rugby Football Club

President: G. B. JAMIESON

Hon. Treasurer: M. J. JACKMAN, 22, Crawford Avenue, Wembley

Hon. Secretary: A. G. JENKINS, 36, Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6.

Once again, a somewhat disappointing season has to be recorded, the playing results showing inevitably that the exceptional talent and/or team strength which is needed to win matches at the high level of the O.H.R.F.C. fixture list are not yet there. Hard work by the forwards is not quite enough, unless it is skilfully applied, and unless the backs are able to take advantage of the chances offered by carrying out passing movements accurately and with determination, even if superlative pace and individual running ability are not available. Several of the games which have been lost could have resulted in victories if only elementary principles were put effectively into practice, and the President has evolved a training scheme which, it is hoped, will remedy this position at the commencement of next season.

Only London University and Old Blues inflicted severe defeats on the 1st XV this season, and the displays away at Bridgwater, Stroud and Plymouth were by no means discouraging. The fact that the A XV can beat Old Blues A and account for the second XVs of most of the clubs who manage to win against O.H. 1st XV is proof indeed that only a few players with just a little extra talent are needed to change the look of the 1st XV's results sheet. Here is a chance indeed for the player keen enough to learn and fit enough to develop.

The great frost robbed us of our games with Middlesex Hospital, Birmingham and St. Barts Hospital, and so the match list has been shorter than usual. Results of the XV's to date are:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV	21	7	13	1	102	175
A XV	21	11	6	4	219	107
Ex. A	19	10	8	1	138	113
B XV	18	9	8	1	168	188
Ex. B and C	17	5	11	1	197	197

The 1st XV's victims were: R. N. C. Greenwich, K.C.S. Old Boys, Old Alleynians, Woodford, Old Paulines, Old Askeans and U.C.S. Old Boys. Sympathy will be felt with the Captain of the Club, F. T. Last, that high hopes of better results have not been fulfilled, partly because of the numerous injuries and changes in the composition of the team, which have proved unavoidable.

Congratulations to A. R. Bovington, ably seconded by D. W. Wells, as Captain of the A XV on the excellent results achieved despite the coming and going of players almost week by week. David James is completing yet another successful season as Captain of the "Extra A," while J. Weinstein and W. R. Tanner have accomplished some good performances with the B and Ex. B XV's.

The sixth XV has failed to function this season owing to insufficient playing strength, and this means loss of revenue to the Club as well as depriving our opponents of a game. It is hoped that the extra men will be available next season. Meanwhile the Ex. B's opponents have had to face the full force of veterans Tanner and Amstein, not to mention such 1st XV types as Spratt-Kerswill, Kenward, Williams and others from time to time—and playing with a white ball specially procured by the team itself to ensure that the backs get a square deal!

The following highlights of the Season are extracted from the statistics compiled by W. R. Tanner, who in addition to captaining the Ex. B or C XV, is also Treasurer of the Cricket Club and of the H.O.B.C. itself:

Top scorers in the 1st XV: Graham 36 pts., Mathew 15 pts.
 A XV: Wells 49 pts., Stag 41 pts., Robinson 30 pts.
 Ex. A: White 30 pts., J. B. Davies 18 pts., D. James 15 pts.
 B XV: Chamberlain 25 pts., G. Warren 15 pts.
 Ex. B and C: A. Fuller 33 pts. (School please note), Kerswill 21 pts.

During the season, Roger Parker played his 243rd post-War game for the 1st XV, and has completed 300 games for the 1st. It is open to question whether he has beaten M. J. Jackman's record number (315) or not. Other veterans: Stevenson (200 games), Beaumont (150), Grierson, Stag and Feltham over 100.

COLTS XV

The Club again arranged games for the O.H. Colts XV and are indebted to Mr. Barling, Mr. Carrington and the Captain of Football for raising the sides: Results:—

v. U.C.S. Old Boys Colts	Won	18—11
v. F.T. Last's XV	Scratched (frost)	
v. Old Blues Colts	Drew	13—13

RUGBY CLUB DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held at Hendon Hall Hotel on December 3rd, 1955 as usual, after the matches with the School. Guest of Honour was Lt. Col. W. D. Gibbs, President of the Rugby Football Union, supported by Dr. M. W. Lloyd-Owen (Middlesex), Messrs. D. Abbott and R. W. West (Herts R.F.U.), Mr. W. A. Woodhall (London Society of Referees), and representatives of Old Alleynians, Blues, Cranleighans, Dunstonians, Paulines, U.C.S. and K.C.S. Old Boys. Nearly 150 were present to support Mr. G. B. Jamieson, in the Chair, including the Head Master and the Captain of School Football. The evening was voted a great success.

ANNUAL DANCE

The Annual Dance at the Hendon Hall Hotel on March 13th was attended by 130 members and ladies. The President and Mrs. Jamieson came up from Chippenham for the occasion, which

again proved most enjoyable. It is, however, a pity that more playing members do not attend this function, which should be profitable to the Club as well as enjoyable. The tickets are priced to come within reach of most of the younger members.

OLD BOYS SEVENS

Invitations are going out to other Old Boys Rugby Clubs to send teams to the Old Boys Sevens Tournament which O.H.R.F.C. will organise again this year on Sunday September 23rd at Elstree. Please make a note of the date and come along to this attractive beginning-of-the-Season gathering.

O.H. Cricket Club

Captain: G. A. MARTIN

Hon. Treasurer: W. R. TANNER, 11, Baronsmead Road, S.W.13.

Hon. Secretary: D. GAINSBOROUGH, 11, Chapman Crescent, Kenton, Harrow. Tel: WORDsworth 6993.

This Season is the first on which the Club will undertake a complete programme of matches on the Old Boys' Ground at Croxdale Road, Boreham Wood for 1st and 2nd XIs, with regular games every Saturday and Sunday.

This Season will be a severe test, not only to our playing ability but to the Administrators, in order to fulfil successfully the ambitious programme which we have undertaken. Whilst last year was one of advancement, this Summer must be one of consolidation and improvement if we are to maintain the standard of Fixture which we have accepted.

We welcome back with us this Summer Graham Jones, M. S. Lumsden, O. H. Van Weede and John Mussett, who will add greatly to our playing strength, but many more players are required to meet the programme of two sides each Saturday and two on most Sundays.

I would remind all members that there is still a considerable amount of work to be done on the Ground before the Season commences, and would ask them to communicate with either Bernard Tilley or Douglas Gainborough, who supervise the working parties.

The Home Fixtures are as follows:—

FIRST XI

Sat	May	19	Friern Manor C.C.
Sat.	May	26	Old Fullarians
Sat.	June	9	University College Hospital
Sat.	June	23	Old Millhillians
Sat.	June	30	Old Albanians
Sat.	July	7	U.C.S. Old Boys
Sat.	July	28	Honourable Artillery Company
Sat.	Aug.	18	Old Paulines
Sat.	Sept.	8	Datchett
Sun.	May	13	Old Cholmelians
Sun.	June	17	Mill Hill Village

Sun.	Aug.	5	Kenton " A "
Sun.	Aug.	12	Bledlow
Sun.	Aug.	19	Caterpillars
Sun.	Aug.	26	Brentham
Sun.	Sept.	9	Sinclairians

SECOND XI

Sat.	May	5	Northwood
Sat.	May	12	Redbourne
Sat.	May	21	Stanmore (Whit Monday)
Sat.	June	2	Midland Bank
Sat.	June	16	Cockfosters
Sat.	July	21	Hunting Aero Survey C.C.
Sat.	Aug.	4	Northwood Hills
Sat.	Aug.	6	Shenley (Bank Holiday)
Sat.	Aug.	25	Old Elizabethans
Sat.	Sept.	1	O.M.Ts.
Sun.	May	6	Harrow
Sun.	May	27	North Harrow
Sun.	June	24	National Bank
Sun.	July	1	North Mymms
Sun.	July	8	Mill Hill
Sun.	July	29	Brondesbury III
Sun.	Sept.	2	Totteridge

Net practice will be held at Elstree every Tuesday and Thursday.

The Club is particularly anxious that all Old Boys should know that they will be welcome as spectators at the matches. Deck chairs are available, and Teas and refreshments can be obtained in the pavilion. It is hoped to make Elstree a regular Summer Meeting place for Old Boys of all ages.

The ground is reached by 52 Bus from Burnt Oak Station. By road the best route is via Barnet By-Pass to Stirling Corner. Thence turn left and first right (Furze Hill Road), past Home of Rest for Horses! through to Boreham Wood (Shenley Road); thence left, and then right by War Memorial (Theobald Street); Ground 600 yards on right. Cars may be parked on the ground.

G. A. MARTIN.

O.H. Athletic Club

Track Captain: J. G. STAGG, 70, Chambers Lane, N.W.10.

Hon. Secretary: B. A. GOODMAN, 42, St. Gabriels Road, N.W.2.
Tel.: GLAdstone 5360.

The following fixtures for the coming Season have been arranged up to the time of going to press:

May 29	v.	the School at Chase Lodge.
June 14th	v.	Old Gaytonians at Harrow.
June 27th	v.	Old Blues and Old Gaytonians at Chase Lodge.
July 10th	v.	Ealing Harriers at Drayton Green.
July 17th	v.	Shaftesbury Harriers at Maccabi Sports Ground, Hendon.

The thanks of the Club are due to the School authorities for allowing the Club to use the facilities at Chase Lodge for the first

time as hosts on June 27th. It is hoped to reciprocate the hospitality provided by other Clubs by inviting them to Chase Lodge, where improved conditions are making it an ideal athletics centre, thanks largely to the increasing interest shown in Athletics by the School—both staff and boys.

The Club now has its own attractive dark green tie, with a similar design to those of the O.H.R.F.C. and O.H.C.C.

Visitors to the matches will be most welcome, and details can be obtained from the Club officials. Whilst the Club now has 25 active athletes, new members will be welcome, so that more fixtures can be arranged with, it is hoped, a repetition of last season's successful results.

Old Boys wishing to join should apply to the Hon. Secretary.

J. G. S., B. A. G.

O.H. Golfing Society

President: W. R. CLEMENS

Captain: GEORGE BATCHELOR.

Hon. Secretary: STANLEY THOMPSON, 30, Brookland Hill, N.W.11.
Tel.: SPE 4441.

The Spring and Autumn Meetings this year will be held at Ashridge Golf Club on Saturdays, May 12th and October 6th. George Batchelor, this year's Captain, has arranged an interesting golf meeting to be held at Highgate G.C. v. Old Owens on April 14th. Play commences at 2 p.m., and this will be a foursome competition with twelve a side. Any Old Boy wishing to join the Society is asked to get in touch with Stanley Thompson, the Hon. Secretary.

Old Haberdashers Lodge No. 3362

Secretary: JAMES N. GREEN, 37, Beaufort Road, W.5.

E. J. Grimwood was installed as Master of the Old Boys Lodge in December last. The Secretary would be pleased to hear from any Old Boys who are interested.

O.H. Boat Club

Captain: W. R. GIBBON, 10, Grove Hill Road, Harrow, Middx.

Secretary: M. J. DARE, 14, Fawley Road, West Hampstead, N.W.6.
Tel.: HAMpstead 9058.

The Club has now acquired its own Shell VIII and blades and completed a satisfactory agreement for boating from the "West End Boat House," 18, Lower Mall, Hammersmith, W.6. We have our own changing room, use of showers, bar and boathouse, four

additional boats and the services of two boatmen. The majority of the Club's capital expenditure has been met through the endeavours of the members in raising funds. At the A.G.M., W. R. Gibbon was elected Captain and J. Hutchinson elected Vice-Captain.

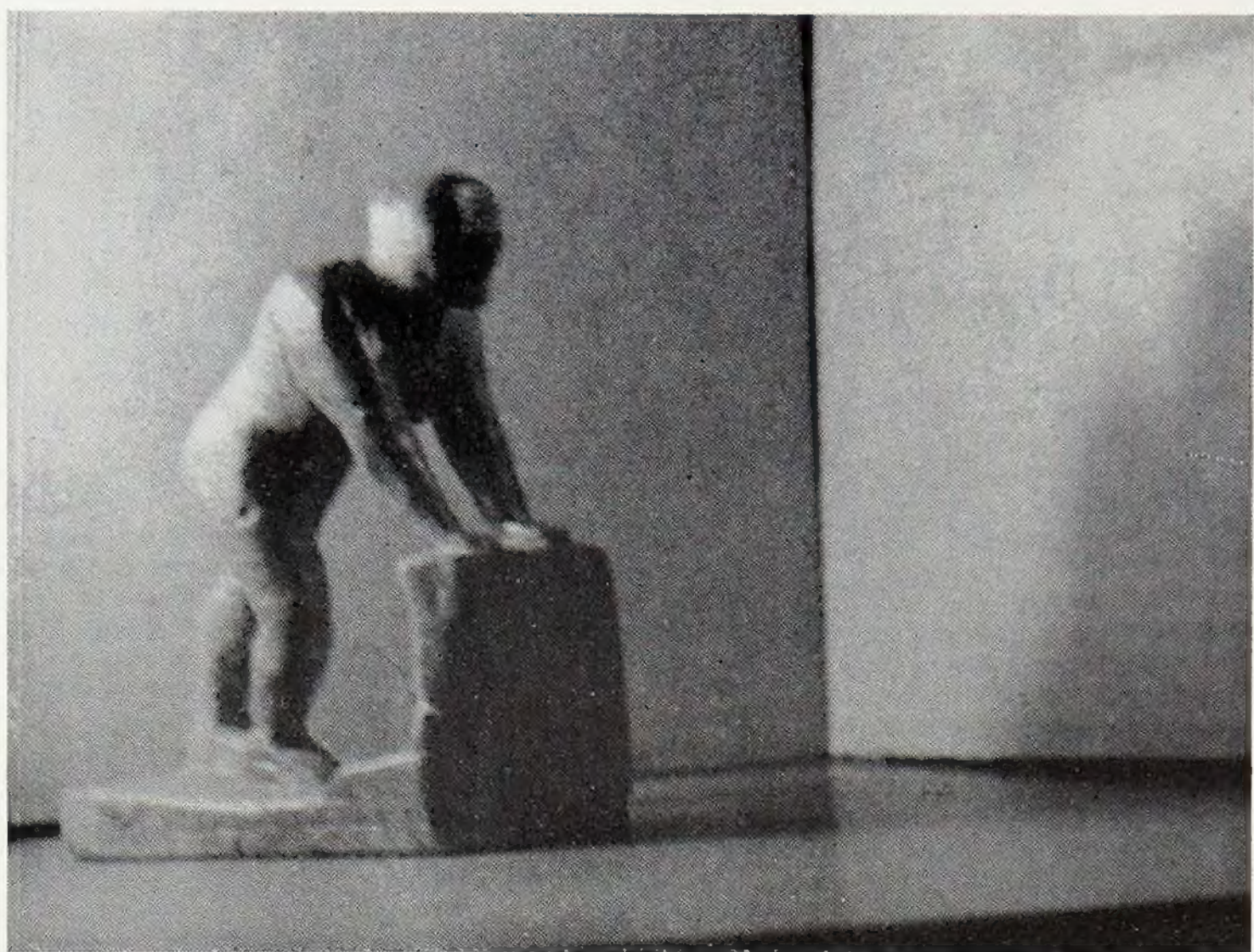
The Club has been going through a difficult time since last summer; National Service commitments have very seriously depleted our strength, and out of nearly twenty who left the School B.C. in 1955, we were unable to recruit even one for the immediate future, although several have rowed with us and hope eventually (after University) to join us.

Our greatest difficulty has been the forming of a regular VIII for training. This might be explained by the intense cold this winter; to dispel any doubts, however, we stop rowing only for thick fog or when the Thames freezes!

Some training during the winter has been put in; but not nearly sufficient use has been made of the fixed VIII tank, which is a very necessary form of evil and is not to be ignored, forming as it does the basis of training for all good crews. As a result of insufficient training the Club has been unable to enter for any of the "Head" events, and must look to the early summer for some fixtures against other Clubs and open regattas to test their prowess.

Finally, I would stress from much experience that rowing is essentially a team sport and requires considerable personal sacrifice, and demands punctuality and reliability of its members; without this no crew, however good as individuals, can ever hope to be successful.

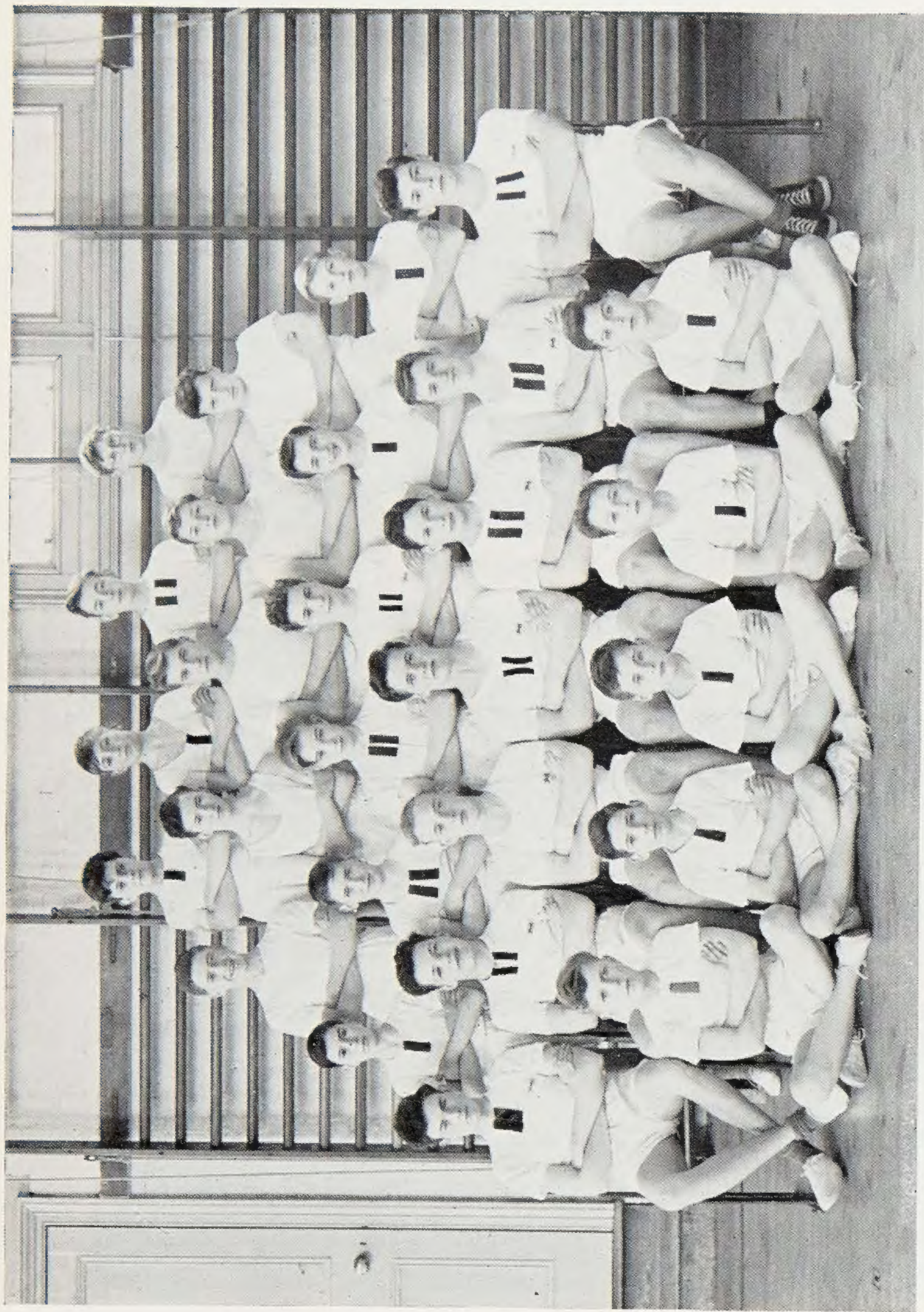
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CAMERA STUDIES BY D. SARTAIN

Above: CLAY MODEL, BY D. GOLDMAN

Below: CALVERTS' TUG-OF-WAR TEAM



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Top Row: P. LITTLEWOOD, C. E. DINES, M. DEVENISH, K. A. FLOWERS
 Second Row: J. COOMBS, J. C. KELTON, B. L. HARRISON, H. A. MERCER, G. A. WHITTAM
 Third Row: M. J. RITCHIE, G. H. EVANS, G. WEBSTER, A. D. FREEMAN, J. D. HARRIS, P. MITCHENERE
 Seated: J. LITTLEWOOD, D. B. MERCER, H. G. PURCHASE, M. S. WHITE, P. STEWART, G. E. STRANGE, J. R. PARKER
 Floor: T. L. EVANS, R. F. DUNN, A. G. EBEL, M. J. BURMAN, P. G. BOSELEY

